

HOUSE BILL 6250
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BEFORE THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak in favor of House Bill 6250 today. I am staff counsel for the Connecticut Council of Police Unions, AFSCME Council 15, AFL-CIO, representing close to 4000 police officers from 60 municipalities in the state of Connecticut.

We ask you to consider adding police headquarters as a protected site relative to the erection of cell phone towers. Given the unknowns associated with radiation emitted by the towers, we have grave concerns that our police officers, who sometimes spend sixteen hours a day at police headquarters, could be exposed to dangerous levels of radiation without any protections.

Recently, the town of Trumbull has proposed to erect a tower on the police headquarters site. Our officers in Trumbull are unanimously opposed to this proposal due to safety unknowns.

We are in favor of adding protections to the siting of these towers, and we ask that police stations and headquarters be included as protected places.