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Testimony on Raised Bill 1024: An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws"
submitted by William E. Purcell, President, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support of Raised Bill 1024, An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunication Laws.

As a voluntary business association serving the *All-America City* communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Seymour, Shelton, and Oxford, the Chamber has a vital interest in the economic competitiveness of our State and our region.

One of the biggest challenges facing our member businesses is excessive regulation by federal, state and local governments that add time and expense, but often times little benefit to the economy and job growth. One example of this is the onerous regulations that the State of Connecticut currently places on our telecommunications industry, which Raised Bill 1024 would eliminate.

Clearly, the best way to accelerate economic and job growth in our State is to eliminate imposing and excessive regulations that keep companies from investing in our great State.

We hope you will act thoughtfully and swiftly on Raised Bill 1024.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


William E. Purcell
President
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