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Testimony before the Energy & Technology Committee in support
of SB 447 – An Act Modernizing The State’s Telecommunications Laws

As the publisher of several newspapers in Central Connecticut, I am writing to ask for your support of Senate Bill 447. The Telecom Modernization Act is long overdue. I am also in a communications business that has seen tremendous change because of technological advances. Many of the changes involve lifestyle and cultural redirection. I cannot imagine being forced to continue running my business in an obsolete, legacy fashion. It would be unsustainable. I simply could not compete.

I believe that the community served by our publications will benefit greatly from SB 447. By reducing tariffs, these companies will be able to utilize saved capital through investment in infrastructure, expanding broadband to more homes and advanced wireless technologies to more communities. During an age when digital literacy is of the utmost importance, and adoption of technological advancements is rapidly increasing, it is important to understand that barriers to education and jobs cannot be broken down unless access is created for all. Help make our state better for the citizens who live and work in our communities. Please vote to pass SB 477.

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