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

I am writing to urge your support for the telecommunications modernization act currently working its way through the General Assembly.

As President of the Chamber of Commerce, Inc./Windham Region, I am concerned with the state's economy and our ability to compete. A solid business environment leads to strong government and civic, educational and cultural institutions. This is the environment we have in Connecticut today.

We have experienced no net job growth in Connecticut for twenty years....worse than any other state in the Union.

Elimination of cumbersome telecommunications regulations can help fight job loss. The telecom modernization act will modernize a critical sector, saving millions of dollars to reinvest in the community. It will reduce inefficiencies in telecom networks and improve services and products for consumers. Employees will be hired to upgrade, update and expand networks. Employers will be more eager to invest in Connecticut, helping both consumers and businesses.

On behalf of the Chamber, I see value for our region in this bill and as a resident, I know the state need to be competitive. I urge your support for SB 447.

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