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Dear Ms Jewett:

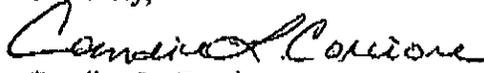
On behalf of the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce, I am writing this letter today to sincerely urge you to support modernizing our state's current telecommunications laws, which seem to be doing more harm than good for our economy. Please consider the following:

For over 50 years, the Chamber has dedicated countless hours to give back to our great community by promoting its strong business and civic ethics and values. Made up of over 400 businesses and professionals who have come together for the betterment of our community, the Chamber's main focus has always been and will forever be about Connecticut, our citizens and our economy. We happily do our part so that our friends, families and neighbors can continue to live and work here - creating a brighter future ahead. The state is on its way back, but we need to build upon the momentum and continue to show industries that we are open for business.

Other states have already passed these types of changes and in some instances much more sweeping reform. In order for our state to compete for these investment dollars we need to implement a series of both long & short-term strategies that will bring in capital investment and, subsequently, jobs to our state. To rectify this critical issue, Senate Bill 447 was introduced to modernize our state's current telecom laws by either eliminating or reducing outdated tariff systems, regulations and overwhelming audit requirements & procedures. With freed up capital from significantly reduced expenses, more telecom providers will be encouraged to set up offices in Connecticut-strengthening our tax base to pay for our state's growing needs and potentially hire hundreds of new employees right here in Tolland County.

I am confident that the passage of SB 447 will create a more competitive and attractive business environment for not just the telecom industry but for many important sectors - opening the doors to investment and job growth in Connecticut. Please support our state, its economy and our citizens by supporting SB 447 - An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws. Thank you for your time and your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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