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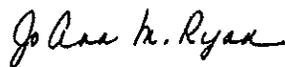
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I am writing on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut Inc., which represents nearly 800 businesses and organizations in our region.

Our Chamber's goal is to advance the prosperity of the region's citizens and business communities, and we believe that Senate Bill 447 will go a great way toward doing this. Connecticut's current telecom regulations are outdated and unwieldy, and supporting SB 447 will modernize the sector's laws. This modernization will bring direct benefits to all industries, freeing capital for telecom companies to hire employees for much needed network updates, reducing costs for customers, and enhancing the business climate for outside investment.

We urge you to support the telecommunications modernization act.

Sincerely,



JoAnn Ryan
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