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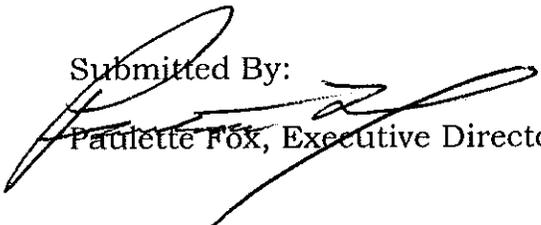
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**Testimony before the Energy & Technology Committee in support of**

**SB 447 – An Act Modernizing The State’s Telecommunications Laws**

I believe that our telecommunications laws are woefully outdated and urge you to support Senate Bill 447. As Executive Director of the New Britain Opportunities Industrialization Center, my mission states: OIC is committed to improving the quality of life for disengaged youth and adults within the greater New Britain community through critical assessment and job skills training. I believe that SB 447 is a great opportunity to reduce the unemployment rate and stagnant job growth in Connecticut. This bill will eliminate costly tariffs on telecom companies, saving them capital that they can put toward network expansion and the hiring of new employees from the community. SB 447 will also result in cheaper telecom service for local businesses and help reduce their costs, as well. I urge you to support this bill to help promote job growth and combat unemployment in our community.

Submitted By:

  
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