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SB 447- An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Law



We are submitting written testimony today to urge your **support for SB 447- An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Law**. The Madison Chamber of Commerce strives to provide leadership for the business interests of our city.



Despite the extraordinary progress the telecommunications industry has made in recent years, Connecticut's laws have not kept pace. While other states have thriving tech sectors, we currently have a cumbersome business environment that does not attract capital investment to the Nutmeg state.



Senate Bill 447 will help improve our economy and create job growth. It will do away with tariffs and the expenses they bring on competitive services, resulting in more investment dollars to allocate toward improving telecommunication networks. The refinement and expansion of networks will reduce unemployment as new employees are hired to meet the labor demands.



Please, **support SB 447** and help revitalize the economy of our great state.



An Alliance of Connecticut Shoreline Chambers of Commerce to advance the common interests of the Shoreline Communities

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