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Statement of Lynn G. Ward, President and CEO of the Waterbury Regional Chamber to the Energy and Technology Committee on SB 447, An Act Modernizing The State's Telecommunications Laws

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Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello and members of the Energy and Technology Committee, I regret that I am unable to join you for this morning's Public Hearing and thank you for receiving my statement as part of public input for this proposed legislation. The Waterbury Regional Chamber, which serves 13 towns, spanning New Haven and Litchfield counties, and represents the collective interests of nearly 1,000 members in matters of public policy and economic development, supports Senate Bill 447.

I believe that SB 447 is in the best business interests of the region, as it will create jobs and spur economic growth in multiple sectors. It will eliminate costly tariffs on telecom companies, so they can allocate that capital toward network improvements and hiring new employees. Additionally, it will allow these companies to better manage their services and products and offer them at lower cost to individual customers and businesses alike. I urge you to support SB 447, as it will help restore the health of Connecticut's economy.

Sincerely,

Lynn G. Ward
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