

**Testimony of  
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Co-Chairs Coleman and Fox and members of the committee, on behalf of CTIA-The Wireless Association, I write to seek a clarifying amendment to Section 1(c)(5) of Senate Bill 443. CTIA is the international trade association representing wireless carriers, device manufacturers, and Internet service providers. The wireless industry supports the goal of criminalizing the willful misuse of technology to stalk or otherwise harass individuals. We are proud, for example, of our longstanding work with victims of domestic abuse – a community that may be impacted by those who misuse technology for nefarious purposes. CTIA and its member companies, through The Wireless Foundation's CALL TO PROTECT® program, have used wireless technology to help end family violence and have awarded millions of dollars in grants to assist in these efforts.

Currently, Section 1(c)(5) exempts certified telecommunications providers from the provisions in Senate Bill 443. CTIA respectfully requests a clarifying amendment to that section to ensure that telecommunications providers, including wireless carriers, and device manufacturers are not unintentionally penalized and adversely impacted by the actions of those persons who misuse technology. We appreciate the Committee's consideration of our request and offer to work with the Committee on the issue.