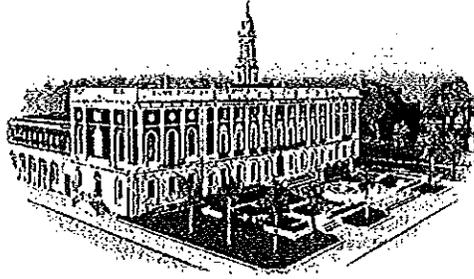


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State Senator Robert Duff, Co-Chair
State Representative Lonnie Reed, Co-Chair
Energy and Technology Committee
Room 3900, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Duff and Representative Reed:

As the Economic Development Director for the City Of Waterbury, I write to encourage passage of HB 6402, An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws.

To attract modern industry, policy makers need to encourage investment in the fastest, most robust technological infrastructure available. Here in Waterbury we have partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to promote the advantages of locating in Waterbury, with high speed and volume telecommunications technology as one of our top assets.

Connecticut needs to stay competitive and that means encouraging telecommunications companies to invest in the networks of the 21st century. Passage of HB 6402 will do just that. Nothing should hinder the willingness of communications companies to invest in the future.

Thank you for your consideration and again, please help Connecticut's economy and promote job growth with the passage of HB 6402, An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pugliese', is written over a circular stamp or seal that is partially obscured by the signature.

Ronald J. Pugliese
Director, Economic Development
City of Waterbury