

February 21, 2013

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

RE: HB 6402 An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws

Dear Senator Duff & Representative Reed:

I am writing to encourage you support for the above referenced legislation that, if passed, will make Connecticut more competitive and attractive to businesses looking to locate and grow jobs in our state.

As someone who works in the technology field, I can't imagine how I could compete if I were forced to continue to invest in old technologies that my customers were abandoning. Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happening in Connecticut.

Providers of tradition home phone service are forced to deal with costly and out dated regulations that are diverting resources and investments from where they should be going – to the high tech networks of the future.

Passage of HB 6402 would correct this and allow resources to go where they are needed most.

I encourage you to support HB 6402 and help put Connecticut on the path toward economic recovery and long term prosperity.

Best regards,

Tom Barton

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