

GREATER NEW HAVEN

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**Testimony of Anthony Rescigno, President - The Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
The Energy and Technology Committee
Public Hearing – February 21, 2013
Supporting HB 6402- An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws**

I write to you today on behalf of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. We represent approximately 2000 member businesses in the municipalities of Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

Our mission is to provide leadership in marshalling the physical, economic, and human resources of the south central Connecticut region for its effective development as a favorable place to operate a business, a desirable place to work, and an attractive place to live. It is for this reason that I support HB 6402, An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws.

I support HB 6402 because I know that affordable, high quality telecommunications service is important to the businesses we represent. Our Chamber is comprised of many different sized businesses across a wide variety of industries. One thing they share in common is a reliance on high speed networks to innovate, communicate and transact in the 21st century. Investment in this infrastructure is critical, not just for the businesses here today, but also for those that we hope to attract in the future.

I also support HB 6402 because I believe that eliminating burdensome and inequitable regulation is a way to improve the business climate in Connecticut and stimulate job growth - at no cost to the State. Connecticut currently has a 9% unemployment rate and most would agree that growing jobs in our state should be a priority. We have all heard repeatedly from business leaders, in a variety of forums, that a burdensome regulatory environment hampers investment and slows job growth. I see HB 6402 as a way to encourage private sector investment and stimulate job growth.

I hope you will join me in recognizing the critical importance of high speed networks to our local businesses and urge you take steps to modernize the state's telecommunications laws to encourage private sector investment in it.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,



President
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce