



Members of the Transportation Committee
Connecticut State Legislature
Room 2300
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Members of Connecticut's Transportation Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on H.B. 6426, an act concerning recommendations by the Connecticut Airport Authority regarding the provision of security services and meteorological towers.

My name is Jeff Hugabonne and I've spent thirty years involved with towers, antenna, and other broadcasting facilities. I am the Chair of Connecticut State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC), and my current employment is as Chief Sustainment Engineer for the FEMA National Public Warning System (NPWS) program which involves broadcast facilities in all states and US Territories.

Safety is of paramount importance to broadcasters and their towers, antenna, and other facilities are regulated by the federal government. Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates broadcast antenna of all heights and makes them subject to Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) regulations and guidelines, which I've referenced in my written testimony [see <https://www.fcc.gov/media/policy/antenna-tower-lighting-and-marking-requirements>].

Since H.B. 6426 specifically targets towers that are not broadcast antenna, I'm asking on behalf of the Connecticut Broadcasters Association that all television and radio station antenna that are regulated by the FCC in Connecticut be explicitly excluded from this bill, as well as towers operated by stations in the immediate vicinity of their antenna, such as Doppler radar towers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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