

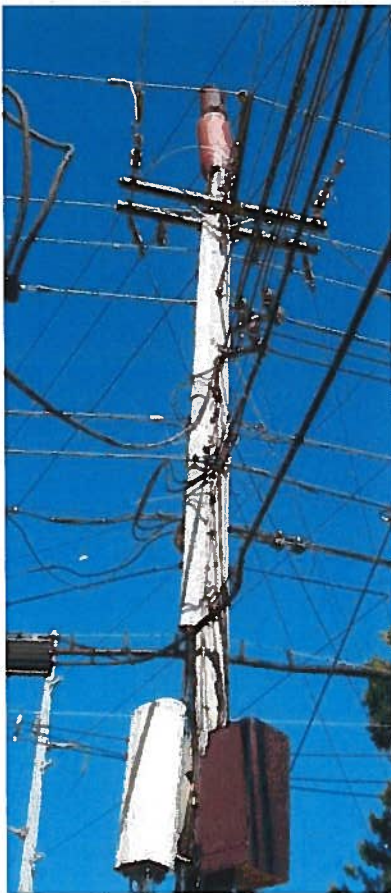
Angel Lopez Written Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 5054

February 23, 2021

To the House Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology,

Hi, my name is Angel Lopez and I live in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Providence. I brilliantly oppose House Bill 5054 since it would cement the pay to play market currently invading my neighborhood. Page 2 line 30 of the bill explains that the state can waive the ban on paid prioritization for “particular purchased or funded Internet access services if the state determines that the practice is in the public interest, promotes public safety, or is otherwise not inconsistent with the purpose of this chapter”. Due to what is occurring in Providence, this bill should not be called Net Neutrality.

Exhibit A: Next to an Energy Facility



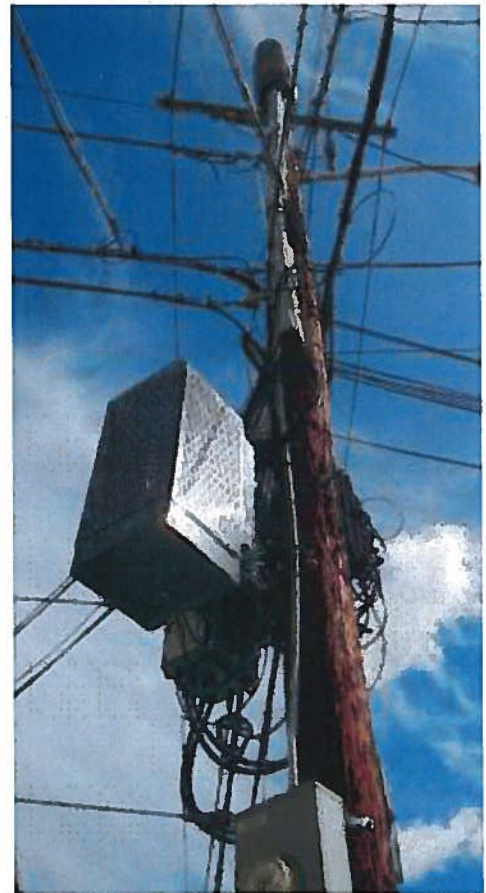
Chad Brown & Admiral in 02908

Exhibit B: Next to two Schools



Daboll & Bucklin in 02907

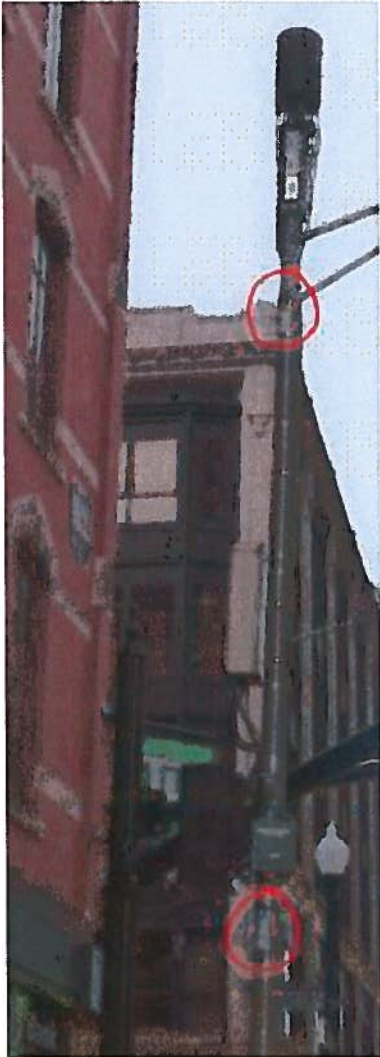
Exhibit C: Surrounded by 2 & 3 Story Homes



Viola and Dorchester in 02909

These devices enable a particular purchased service to experiment, irradiate children, and continually disadvantage entire communities in Providence. It does not provide internet to the residents and approval of this bill would make these devices permanent and easier to place outside your homes.

Exhibit E: Next to vacant space for Lease



Westminster St. 02903

I included Exhibit E to focus your attention on the two red circles. Those are two types of signage providing a Notice in blue, of excessive radio frequency above FCC exposure limits below, and a Warning in yellow, about hazardous radio frequency near the known emitter above. The poles in Exhibit B & C do not have any signage as of today and are operating near children and residents. Is that protocol in the public's interest? Passing H 5054 will allow this practice to continue and remain concealed.

I have been waiting for over 18 months for an answer regarding the purpose and contracts these devices have. In August of 2019 I had a bus route changed so the location in Exhibit C can no longer be used as a school bus stop. All I learned was this is a Distributed Antenna System owned and operated by Extenet Systems. It does not deserve a green light to continue its corporate and surveillance abuse on communities comprised mostly of Black Indigenous and People of Color or to be collocated outside homes, places of worship, and schools anywhere in this state.

I ask all serving on this committee to address the "invisible" elephant in the room by shining a light on its' practices, instead of giving it a pass to abuse your budget, communities, and public rights-of-way.

Exhibit F: Charlesgate Nursing Center 02904



This Is Not OK

This Cannot go on... Oppose H 5054

Thank you for reading,

Angel Lopez

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