

COMMENTS TO THE HOUSE INNOVATION, INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ABOUT HOUSE BILL
6151 From Providence resident Liberty Goodwin,
(In opposition to the Bill as written),

Claiming to "Authorize municipalities to regulate wireless service for zoning and public safety" does nothing of the kind. This bill bolsters the corrupt Telecommunications Act of 1996. On page 4 of the bill, in the chapter which discusses public safety, it says: "For the purposes of this chapter, public safety shall not include requirements relating to radio frequency emissions of wireless facilities." This bill replaces the RI Small Cell Siting Act and, instead of improving on it, makes it easier for a telecom to disregard health. The hands of the state and municipalities are actually not "tied" when it comes to regulating wireless "small cells" for 5G in their jurisdictions. We need a repeal of the 2017 RI Small Cell Siting Act, but this bill is not it. It will make things worse.

IMPORTANT POINTS I WISH TO MAKE:

1. **HEALTH CONCERNS:** As Director of the Toxics Information Project (TIP), I am aware of extensive research about the health concerns with wireless technology radiation - with 5G being the most powerful & damaging. I am also aware of Rhode Island residents who are especially susceptible to such exposure.
2. **LACK OF AVOIDABILITY.** Because of the technical details of installation of new wireless (Basically, everywhere, and small distances apart), there is no way that those sickened by such have nowhere to go to escape them.
3. Because of # 1 & #2, any locale setting up such systems are setting themselves up to the probability for lawsuits that could cost years and large amounts of money in compensation for those injured - or dying from the radiation hazard.

These new systems are not needed, and not the best or even the cheapest options for meeting our technological lives. Wired systems have been around for many years, work well and are affordable. Only the techy companies seeking more profit have any stake in the overgrown products they are pushing.

I urge the Committee to take its time to fully investigate all of these concerns, especially with the assistance of some organizations here and elsewhere that have compiled unbiased information about the issue.

Blessings, Liberty Goodwin, Providence, RI