

To: The Members of the RI House Innovation, Internet, and Technology Committee:

**I applaud your efforts to bring broadband to Aquidneck Island and other locations that lack internet. I recognize, Rep. Ruggiero, that you support FTTP wired internet for the reasons that hopefully you all know by now, enumerated in brief below.**

However, I oppose H7083 because this bill has the same loophole in language that would allow for wireless that was in last session's bill. There is no reason for anyone to be assaulted with microwave radiation (branded as 5G) that enables surveillance, when the safe, non-surveilling, less-likely to be hacked, faster and able to carry vastly more data while utilizing considerably less energy FTTP exists.

Further, who will this Administrator be? We asked last session that someone not associated with the telecommunications industry (a revolving door\* with agencies that are meant to monitor it), such as a physician or expert on microwave radiation, be included in this proposed council. An outsider who has not taken an Oath of Office to uphold the Constitutions and serve We the People would be a risk that we must not take.

Wired is superior to wireless in every regard, is fiscally responsible because it is future proof (40-50 years), and we need to know that H7083 supports that in all regards without loopholes to enable wireless.

Until such time as these matters are addressed in a rewritten bill, I oppose H7083.

**\*The Harvard Edmund J. Safra Center for Ethics published [an expose](#) by investigative journalist [Norm Alster](#) on the wireless industry ties to the US federal government's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and how, as a result, the wireless industry has bought inordinate access to—and power over—a major US regulatory agency. Alster describes how the FCC is a “captured agency” meaning it is controlled by the industry it is supposed to be regulating- *like the wolf watching the henhouse*.**

**\*\*Landmark case decided against the FCC on August 13, 2021 for failing to revise their outdated **1996 safety guidelines** for radiofrequency emissions. The court ruled that this decision by the FCC was “arbitrary and capricious,” and also ruled that the FCC failed to address:**

- impacts of long term exposure
- impacts to children,
- people injured by wireless radiation,
- impacts to wildlife, and
- impacts to the developing brain and reproduction.

This is a golden opportunity to spend the ARPA money wisely on wired connections, Fiber to the Premises, rather than wireless.

Sincerely,

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