

Dear Committee,

I oppose H7083, The Rhode Island Broadband Development Program, because, while it gives lip service to Broadband as being the far superior wired fiber optics, it allows an unacceptable loophole for Wireless Transmission Facilities (WTFs).

The offending language is found here, on page 4 of the bill, where it defines Broadband:

(1) "Broadband" means a laser high speed and high capacity transmission technique using a wide range of frequencies to include, but not be limited to, transmission over strands of fiber-optic cable. (emphasis added)

Including this language is a deal-breaker. It not only will allow money to be misspent on the 8-Track-Tape of technology which is 5G wireless, but it will also allow this dangerous wireless technology to harm our residents.

Remove this language and you will have an acceptable bill.

Thank you.

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