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Dorothy Young
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Nacogdoches, TX

Multiple states are working to take action for telecommunication measures, limitations of 5G. States like Rhode Island, New Jersey, California, Connecticut, and more states are looking into the limitations of 5G. Texas needs to join as the safety and health depends on it, tax dollars have went to Fiberoptics, so where is it? The state of Texas has plenty of resources to use 5G but with tools to prevent radiation poisoning. Bill and Melinda Gates foundation owns the Castle industry, 5G cell phone towers. Insurance does not cover the 5G towers because the payout of damage is large, why do we have the resources to allow this but not protect health? Not all of the 5G towers are legally registered, there are thousands illegally there. By law, every tower must be registered, if not, then removed from the premises. We have more technology that is causing harm to our environment and the "green new deal" will only cause more harm. What makes 5G so deadly? well, you can't hear it, smell, or see. The side effects happen over time and it can cause diabetes, cancer, neurological disorders, nausea, headaches, dizziness, sleep disorders, and prone to induce other auto immune disorders. I am writing to OPPOSE this bill!

Rene Gonzalez, Chief Policy & Compliance Officer

Lit Communities

San Antonio, TX

Greetings Chairman Hunter:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written statement in SUPPORT of House Bill 9

HB 9 is a positive step towards sustainable and statewide support for broadband. We have provided additional feedback for your consideration:

(P1) Sec. 403.602. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PUBLIC PURPOSE. The legislature finds that:

-Lit Communities 100% agrees with the findings expressed in this section

(P2) Sec. 403.603 (c) (2) & (3)

(2) administer the program described by Section 490I.0106;

-Has the BDO or Comptroller modeled how they would utilize the BIF to administer their program, i.e. how much of the appropriation would be used in a given year(s) and for which purpose, grants, loans, etc.

-It would be nice to understand how far the \$5 billion would go towards potentially capitalizing other programs such as the low-interest loan program.

-Modeling of these potential flows could help understand how the initial \$5 billion investment would create an even larger fund supported by interest repayments, etc.

(3) prepare or update the state broadband plan described by Section 490I.0107

(P3) Sec. 403.603 (c) (5)

(5) allocate money to fully fund the universal service fund;

-Perhaps consider changing "fully" to "up to" a certain amount. With the USF being insolvent here in Texas, it would be risky to commit to fully funding something that is already not sustainable on its own.

(P3) Sec. 403.603 (c) (9)

(9) provide matching funds for federal money provided for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

-The offset (full 25% or partial) of BEAD matching through this potential fund should be prioritized for high-cost areas and/or projects in economically disadvantaged communities.

-For example, large ISPs have larger financial capacity and could be encouraged to put more of their own resources and not solely rely on grants to deploy their infrastructure.

-The argument could be made that deploying projects in high-cost areas and/or economically distressed areas would make sense because those models would have a lengthier ROI and timeframe.

(P3) Sec. 403.603 (c) (10)

(10) support increased connectivity needs for qualifying schools under the federal Schools and Libraries Program ("E-rate program") as provided by 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart F, or similar legislation providing federal funding for broadband and telecommunications initiatives;

-If this is a State match for Texas schools and libraries to participate in E-Rate, then this is good and on par with other States.

(P5) Sec. 7

-Support the 5B appropriation to BDO from ESF

Thank you.

Eric Kunish, Chair

National Alliance on Mental Illness-Central Texas

Austin, TX

I support this bill.

Merri Michaels
The Executive Council
Houston, TX

I submit my voice AGAINST on HB 9. . As of 2019 Texas has paid well over 7 billion dollars for wired technology, and we are still paying for it. It is safer, faster, more secure. I stand strongly AGAINST HB 9..

Virginia Young
self/ exercise physiologist and teacher
The Woodlands, TX

I oppose HB 9 as it stands. For years Texans have asked for an open discussion of the problems with telecommunications, including state and national security, public safety, cost and convenience. The Texas legislature has continued to skirt the issues. Texans alone have paid over \$7 billion dollars to AT&T for faster, safer fiber optics that we never received and we continue to pay for the service.

This bill will allow for taxpayer funds to be commingled with money from the federal government as well as “grants” and “donations” from anyone. This might include Bill Gates, George Soros, and anyone else who would like to become a stakeholder in Texas. Bill Gates already owns far too much farmland in Texas, and Telecom is one of Gates’ top stocks.

The science tells us that telecommunications is growing increasingly dangerous from the perspective of the physical wellbeing of the individuals living near the infrastructure. The issue of radiation pollution is not addressed. There is no oversight and there never has been. The infrastructure can be easily hacked.

Why is there no definition of “broadband” in HB 9? It should be wired, not wireless.

The International Telecommunications Union or ITU is a specialized UN agency. The ITU is dedicated to the development of global information and communication technology (ICT), and it is crucial in achieving the goals of the UN 203 Sustainable Development plan. One of its main contributors is China. The social credit scoring system, transportation, banking, medical care, food supply are all attached and the population WILL BE CONTROLLED.

<https://www.itu.int/hub/2022/08/itu-top-contributors-china/>

<https://acmcasereport.com/pdf/ACMCR-v10-1909.pdf>

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/international-telecommunication-union-most-important-un-agency-you-have-never-heard>

Lynda Joan Somma
Self
Houston, TX

I OPPOSE HB 9 because implementation of this broadband will make us vulnerable to our FOREIGN ENEMIES! This is a plan for tracking not just every move one makes but also for the restriction of movement of human being who were created to have self-regulating capabilities and brains for determining what is best for each person with rare exceptions. This United Nations Agenda 2030 program will accomplish centralized control over every person and animal not only in Texas but around the world. The money pot that comes with the lies about this program is to entrap the great state of Texas in a world system. This bill needs to be killed in the committee!

See The International Communications Union: The Most Important UN Agency You Have Never Heard Of
<https://www.csis.org>

Ginger Russell

N/A

Magnolia, TX

VOTE NO!!

We need a definition of broadband. We pay for wired telecom. Give us what we pay for. We don't need driverless cars and smart cities. Why is there no definition of broadband in bills pertaining to broadband? But please make this your own! Add a link or two. I have more links showing we have been betrayed.

As of 2019 Texas has paid well over 7 billion dollars for wired technology, and we are still paying for it. It is safer, faster, more secure. broadband. Is it wired or wireless?

Cathie Locetta

Faith Votes - Community Action Team at Grace Woodlands Church - Leader

The Woodlands, TX

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Robert Byers

Self - Retired

Spring, TX

What exactly is the specific definition of "Broadband?" Why exactly are Texas lawmakers pushing broadband? Can you "guarantee" this wireless system is not vulnerable? Is this truly in the best interest for our citizenry? Do please also note the staggering estimated overcharged amounts by AT&T, Verizon, & Century Link: Overcharged America – The IRREGULATORS | An Independent, Expert Telecom Team. Why should this be allowed to occur?

Michael Baldwin, Chief

self

Hudson Oaks, TX

Fund the new Broadband office that could supplement NG9-1-1 .

Nathan Kizer

Lubbock Emergency Communication District

Lubbock, TX

As the Executive Director of a 9-1-1 Emergency Communication District in Texas, I urge you to support HB 9. Police, fire, and EMS departments continue to face increasing challenges. Next Generation 9-1-1 technologies play a crucial role in helping them meet those challenges. This technology provides a more redundant and reliable 9-1-1 service, especially during disasters. It provides better location ability to help locate callers, as well as better situational awareness for first responders during emergencies, such as mass shootings.

The cost to provide our communities 9-1-1 services with these new technologies is increasing. The current \$0.50 wireless phone fee set in 1997 by the Legislature, and declining revenue from fees on landline phones are insufficient to cover the costs associated with new technologies required to meet current and future needs of public safety.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 9 to support additional funding over the current \$0.50 to help 9-1-1 authorities meet the increased costs related to the rapidly changing technology, population growth, and inflation. This support would enable districts in Texas to continue to provide Next Generation 9-1-1 services to your local fire, police, and EMS departments.

Chip VanSteenberg
Montgomery County Emergency Communication District
Conroe, TX

The Montgomery County Emergency Communication District is in favor of the committee substitute for HB 9. Providing a stable source of funding is critical to keeping the state's 9-1-1 system up and operating with the technology that leverages today's communication capabilities.

William McWhorter
Self
Longview, TX

I strongly support this legislation; I believe we must make sure our communities in the rural areas of Texas have access to broadband. This service is vital to people's businesses, healthcare (telehealth), professions, safety communications, and everyday lives. It is a necessary resource to help these communities develop if they are trying to attract new businesses and families to their regions. I hope the committee will give this bill favorable consideration and passage to the full House, thank you. Sincerely,
William B. McWhorter.

JEROME YOUNG
SELF
THE WOODLANDS, TX
I AM AGAINST THE BILL

The bill does not defined "broadband" this could include 5G and its predecessors and successor's It is unstable, unreliable, especially weather situations. Rural areas need dedicated fiberoptic broadband is much more resilient faster and more reliable. In addition, the majority of the equipment that distribute promulgates and makes it available 5G in United States is made in CHINA. WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE OF SECURITY IN 5G.

Reference:

1.) What is the definition of broadband?
(If it's not WIRED, it's not broadband)

Re-Inventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks • ZERO5G

2.) Wireless irradiating infrastructure is contaminating the Environment and harming health.

Nordic Appeal: More Stringent Regulatory Framework on Microwave Radiation from Wireless Technologies is Needed - Stop Further Rollout of 5G (acmcasereport.com)

Problems in evaluating the health impacts of radio frequency radiation - ScienceDirect

Scientific evidence invalidates health assumptions underlying FCC and ICNIRP exposure limits determinations for radiofrequency radiation: implications for 5G (icbe-emf.org)

Effects of microwave radiation on brain energy metabolism and related mechanisms | Military Medical Research | Full Text (biomedcentral.com)

3.) Wireless increases grid vulnerability - in case of power outage, system doesn't function causing economic damage and health, safety hazards.

4.) Currently there is zero monitoring and verification of RF Radiation levels. Where is the hard data?

5.) Prioritize and Invest in FIBER TO THE PREMISES = Cyber secure, energy efficient, fast, reliable, won't contaminate the environment and damage health and property with RF Radiation pollution.

6.) "Smart" electric grid is vulnerable to bad weather and EMP.

7.) NTIA Is partnering with the UN ITU

ITU's top contributors: China - ITU Hub

As the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs), ITU dedicates itself to global ICT development and plays a crucial role in achieving the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Chinese government attaches great importance to the work of ITU.

As a veteran member of the ITU Council, the Chinese Administration actively participates in the making of ITU standards, management of communication resources, and coordination of policies, as well as providing support in terms of funds, technology, and capacity building.

The International Telecommunication Union: The Most Important UN Agency You Have Never Heard Of (csis.org)

How China Is Remaking the UN In Its Own Image – The Diplomat