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State Senator John W. Fonfara, Co-Chair
State Representative Vickie Orsini Nardello, Co-Chair
Energy and Technology Committee
Room 3900, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am writing to ask you to support (Raised) HB No. 5504 concerning the siting of cell towers near schools. The Greenwich Representative Town Meeting recently passed a Sense of Meeting Resolution (attached) as a way to show our full support of this important bill. I had planned to attend today's session, but we are in a 'state of emergency' here in Greenwich following last week's storm.

Bill No. 5504 is a prudent and necessary measure to help guide the Connecticut Siting Council in their decision-making process and thereby protect our communities (i.e., our collective well-being as well as our property values). It proposes that no cell towers be sited within seven hundred fifty feet of a school. Period. It is the responsible action to take at this time to ensure our communities, and particularly our children, are protected. We cannot afford to underestimate any effect the proliferation of cell towers may have, as the perception is real.

It is vital to strike a balance between the needs of local wireless users and the interests of residents – and this Bill will do just that. It will benefit not only our efforts in Greenwich, but also our neighboring communities state-wide.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Janet Lynn De Luca
District 12 Representative, Greenwich Representative Town Meeting (Elected Position)
Board of Governors, Riverside Association of Greenwich (Elected Position)

Copy to: State Senator Kevin D. Witkos, Ranking Member
State Representative Sean J. Williams, Ranking Member
State Representative Alfred Camillo

Attachment: Sense of Meeting Resolution, Greenwich Representative Town Meeting

Attachment

Testimony – HB No. 5504

GREENWICH REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010

SENSE OF MEETING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, T-Mobile USA is proposing to build a wireless telecommunications facility, comprised of an estimated 100-foot structure, at 328 Palmer Hill Road, this location being 230 feet from North Mianus Elementary School, a school with 454 Kindergarten to Fifth Grade students plus staff, 160 feet from the North Mianus School Kindergarten playground, and 600 feet from the Bridges School which opened in 2010 with 74 students from two to five years old plus staff; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Board of Education has consistently stated that it opposes similar wireless telecommunications structures on its properties, adjacent properties or in close proximity to such properties;

NOW THEREFORE, it is the sense of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting that wireless telecommunications structures as regulated by the Connecticut Siting Council not be constructed within 1,500 feet of any accredited school located in the Town of Greenwich.