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Capitol Contact ALERT – Contact your Legislators NOW to oppose Wireless bills

[HB 2196 \(Kilgore\)](#) and [SB 1282 \(McDougle\)](#) would gut local zoning authority and require that localities allow wireless facilities in their rights of way and on all locally owned property.

The bills grant special privileges to a single industry at the expense of the local taxpayers. Forced use of public property and right of way without adequate compensation forces taxpayers to subsidize a single industry.

HB 2196 will be voted on in the [House Commerce and Labor Committee](#) on Thursday afternoon in House Room D.

SB 1282 will be voted on in the [Senate Commerce and Labor Committee](#) on Monday afternoon in Senate Room B.

VACo Members – please call your legislators now to oppose HB 2196 and SB 1282.

TALKING POINTS

- REQUIRES THAT LOCALITIES OFFER UNFETTERED USE OF ALL LOCAL RIGHT OF WAY AND LOCAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
 - No other non-public business or utility has this kind of access to local property.
 - Creates a path for franchisees and other businesses to demand access at the same rate to local property as well.

- APPLIES TO ALL WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING 150' TOWERS
 - Severely limits citizen input on siting and restricts permitting processes.
 - Rights of way that have buried utilities will be inundated with these unsightly towers.
- FEES/COSTS
 - Permitting fees will not cover the cost of review to the locality.
 - Rental fees for placement on local property are severely limited by the code.

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And please call you legislators today to oppose these problematic bills.

KEY CONTACTS

House Commerce and Labor Committee: [Kilgore \(Chairman\)](#), [Byron \(Vice Chair\)](#), [Ware](#), [Hugo](#), [Marshall, D.W.](#), [Cline](#), [Miller](#), [Loupassi](#), [Bell](#), [Robert B.](#), [Habeeb](#), [Villanueva](#), [Farrell](#), [O'Quinn](#), [Yancey](#), [Ransone](#), [Ward](#), [Tyler](#), [Keam](#), [Filler-Corn](#), [Kory](#), [Lindsey](#)

Senate Commerce and Labor Committee: [Wagner \(Chairman\)](#), [Saslaw](#), [Norment](#), [Newman](#), [Obenshain](#), [Stuart](#), [Stanley](#), [Cosgrove](#), [Chafin](#), [Dance](#), [Lucas](#), [McDougle](#), [Black](#), [Sturtevant](#), [Spruill](#)

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