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Capitol Contact ALERT – Harmful Wireless Bill To Be Heard Monday in Senate Commerce and Labor

<u>SB 405 (McDougle)</u> substantially limits the ability of local-elected officials to determine how wireless infrastructure is incorporated into their communities, and effectively removes citizen input in making decisions on the siting of towers and poles.

Action Required – Please contact your <u>Senators</u> now to oppose <u>SB 405</u> (<u>McDougle</u>). The bill will be heard Monday afternoon in the <u>Senate Commerce</u> and <u>Labor Committee</u>.

TALKING POINTS

- Localities should not be stripped of their ability to determine how wireless towers and poles can be accommodated within their landscape.
- Restrictions on how much localities can charge for applications will place a fiscal burden on government operations.
- A "one-size-fits-all" approach is unnecessary. Wireless service providers can, and do, find solutions working with local governments and their citizens for the siting of towers and poles.

KEY CONTACTS

<u>Senate Commerce and Labor Committee</u>: <u>Wagner (Chairman), Saslaw, Norment, Newman, Obenshain, Stuart, Stanley, Cosgrove, Chafin, Dance, Lucas, McDougle, Black, Sturtevant, Spruill</u>

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