Oppose HR 3557

and other wireless industry-sponsored bills that eliminate citizen rights, allow cell towers everywhere and bypass critical laws!

HR 3557 "The American Broadband Deployment Act of 2023" and more than 50 other wireless-promoting bills are "flying" through the Congress. All these bills represent an assault by the wireless industry on Americans' freedom and democracy!

 3557 eliminates local control over the deployment of wireless infrastructure. The FCC will decide if ugly, dangerous wireless antennas are placed right outside your home, NOT local zoning and planning authorities. Citizens will have no prior notice or input!

 3557 will not close the digital divide; it will leave some poor communities struggling with slow, expensive wireless connections while the rest of the civilized world is connected with fast, secure fiberoptic.

• 3557 allows wireless companies to ignore critical environmental and historical preservation laws.

Applications for permits will be fast-tracked and deemed approved without adequate time to consider potential

impacts to the environment or to the health and safety of the community.

• 3557 denies access to local courts. Local authorities will have to travel to Washington to fight FCC/wireless company decisions on antenna placement.

HR 3557 and related bills are unwarranted and contrary to the public interest. The wireless industry is trying to get Congress to approve what citizens across the country oppose. This will be wildly unpopular with voters whose elected local officials are doing their job responsibly.

(See over for additional wireless industry bills we oppose.)

Other bills and wireless industry proposals we oppose:

HR 3293 and related bills expedite the deployment of cell towers, 5G antennas and related equipment in national parks, national forests, national monuments and other natural places preserved for the public, degrading the natural environment for commercial exploitation by telecoms.

HR 1338 and related bills give the FCC authority and mandate to speed up deployment of thousands of additional telecom satellites in space, in violation of International Treaties and despite strong objections of astronomers and warnings from space experts regarding collisions and debris.

We also strongly oppose any legislation that purports to achieve "digital equity" by lowering speed specifications for broadband projects intended for minority communities.

HR 3565 (Title IX) and related bills re-define broadband as having speeds of 100 mbps down and 20 mbps up (wireless speed), as if slow, expensive, and unreliable broadband connections are OK for minority communities.



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