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LD 626

HR3557 American Broadband Deployment Act of 2023: Disapprove

- o Preempts local zoning, gives FCC authority to invalidate local regulations, mandates onerous permitting shot clocks and deemed approved deadlines, undermines collaborative federalism under the TCA (which balances federal and local interests), mandates local gov't publish denial of application on the same day of the decision (impossible hurdle) that prevents placing "substantial evidence" in the record otherwise required under the TCA to withstand a legal challenge from telecoms.
- o Denies broadband freedom of choice to the consumer, increases special privileges for wireless permitting by forcing approval over consumer objections. Creates market failure by having the FCC substitute its own judgement for the free market by giving special privileges for wireless, an inferior technology, that many consumers oppose; creates a disincentive for innovation.
- o Holds out the promise of bridging the digital divide but not the obligation or metrics to do so.
- o Eviscerates decades-old rule of law that telecoms must prove a gap in phone service for federal preemption to

Testimony in support of LD 340 to the Judiciary Committee March 3, 2025. Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Committee:

My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired RN, and I live in York. I ask that you SUPPORT LD 340 because it

Testimony to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on March 3, 2025. Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and distinguished members of the Committee:

My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired RN, and I live in York, and I ask that you oppose LD 626. This bill would give the DOC permission to charge a resident for their prison cell and their prison food.

This bill harms all Maine communities. It increases the burdens on the incarcerated person's innocent families, creating ongoing intergenerational risks.

Programming and education are integral to the DOC mission. But this proposal seems to create a 2025 workhouse, not a rehabilitative program. There is no choice about the room, board, or just compensation for labor.

Please Oppose this bill.