

Dear Chair James and Committee Members,

Having watched much of the testimony this past week, it's clear the process to contest a telecom project is an arduous one. No one should have to hire an attorney or start a GoFundMe page.

It's also a case of one size shouldn't fit all. A pole mounted antenna is a far cry from a 140-ft cell tower with potentially five carriers and multiple tiers of antenna. Yet both fall under the category of "de-minimus".

As Representative Klepner pointed out, the process favors telecom as evident by their rush to have projects approved before a possible 248a sunset.

Since the process is unfair to your constituents, I advocate abolishing 248a. It's pointless to keep it alive in three year increments that disincentivize the PUC from making substantive changes. Act 250, though in a transition period, could be upgraded with additional staff to ameliorate potential congestion.

Thank you very much for your hard work on this complex issue.

Sincerely,

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