

Preserving 248a is crucial to maintain citizen and town participation in the siting of all towers, antennas, and small cells. **We should never consider letting 248a sunset.** Protecting the aesthetics of our beautiful state is also very important.

Who is requesting more towers, the industry that stands to gain monetarily from it? Hearing someone say they want more towers is not something I have experienced.

The other point to make is the fact that fiber optics are going in statewide. You have all the local Fiber companies and now Consolidated Communications/Fidium has told me they are getting rid of all copper and are currently running fiber. I just switched to **CV Fiber** from Consolidated Communicatios and I now have phone and internet for a **lower price** than I was paying for just phone. It is very **high speed** and having it **hardwired** makes it **better for the health of all living things.** It is a **local** company.

The telecommunications industry is going to try to compete with **Fiber companies** (which is **the way forward**) by putting up unnecessary towers.

Vote to preserve 30 V.S.A. subsection 248a. It doesn't make any sense not to.