

Legislative Action Alert:
Help Protect Local Zoning of Wireless Small Cell Facilities
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We are expecting the House Consumer Affairs Committee to move ahead with a vote on House Bill 2564 next week. Among other provisions, this bill will preempt Pennsylvania municipalities from managing wireless facilities in the public rights-of-way.

Below are the significant issues that should be conveyed to your House Member

1. **Preemption of Municipal Zoning Authority:** HB 2564 would strip municipalities of their current rights to manage wireless poles and antennas being installed in the public rights-of-way. If the bill is enacted, municipalities would have no input whatsoever over the location, height, placement, design, or construction of these facilities. There are approximately 154,000 of these facilities in the U.S. today and that number is expected to grow to over 800,000 by 2026. (CTIA-The Wireless Industry) HB 2564 would force Pennsylvania municipalities to accommodate this massive increase in installations while prohibiting them from ensuring a responsible and orderly rollout.
2. **Drastic Reduction of Fees:** Current municipal fees for management of the rights-of-way run approximately \$1,000 per year for new poles and approximately \$375 per year for new antennas. Last week, the FCC reduced these fees to a maximum of \$270 per year for poles or antennas. HB 2564 would cut even this even further to a maximum of \$25 per year. Given that these fees represent only a fraction of a municipality's costs of managing wireless facilities, local taxpayers will subsidizing the wireless industry.

If your House Member does not hear from you, he or she will assume your municipality supports these measures.

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