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Wireless Communications Infrastructure

CS/HB 687 (La Rosa) will be considered by the House Commerce Committee Tomorrow, Monday, April 24, at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Representatives on this Committee and urge them to Oppose CS/HB 687.

CS/HB 687 would preempt local government control of taxpayer-owned rights of way for placement of “small” or “micro” wireless antennas and equipment.

While Florida cities embrace the deployment of 5G technology in their communities, this legislation would offer deep discounts to multibillion dollar telecom companies at the taxpayers’ expense.

We expect an amendment will be offered to the bill to address several issues raised by the League, but the price cap issue still needs to be resolved.

CS/HB 687 currently imposes a ridiculous price cap of \$15 for these assets, lower than anywhere else in the country. **FLC supports a free market approach to the deployment of this infrastructure.**

If passed, this legislation will use taxpayer-owned land to irresponsibly drive down costs, effectively wrecking an existing and functioning free market. This is subsidizing a for-profit industry with taxpayer dollars.

Message to Representatives:

Installment of wireless communications technology should be negotiated at the local level.

Oppose **CS/HB 687** because instead of using a free market approach, it creates an arbitrary cap on fees (\$15/year) for the installation of this infrastructure.

House Commerce Committee – Oppose CS/HB 687

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Thank you for your advocacy efforts!