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Wireless Communications Infrastructure

CS/CS/SB 596 (Hutson) will be considered by the **Senate Rules Committee** on Wednesday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Senators on this Committee and Urge them to Oppose **CS/CS/SB 596**.

CS/CS/SB 596 (Hutson) 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 taxpayer expense.

CS/CS/SB 596 imposes a ridiculous price cap of \$15 for these assets, lower than anywhere else in the country.

If passed, this legislation will use taxpayer-owned land to irresponsibly drive down costs, effectively wrecking an existing and functioning free market.

Message to Senators:

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

Oppose CS/CS/SB 596 because instead of using a free market approach, it creates an arbitrary cap on fees (\$15/year) for the installation of this infrastructure.

Senate Rules Committee – Oppose CS/CS/SB 596

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