



## 5G Statement

Legislators were told the majority of new 5G transponders would be placed on existing poles when the Small Cell Wireless bill passed in 2018. The people in these communities were under the impression that 5G installations, for the most part, would fit into the current aesthetics of the neighborhood. They were misled. Municipalities have since been overwhelmed with new 5G towers: eyesores that ruin the landscapes in front of homes, playgrounds, and common areas across town. Federal lawmakers and regulators favored the telecommunications industry when granting public property rights free of charge to 5G tower installers. They disregarded the impact 5G towers would have on residents' safety, health and property values. This was wrong.

Federal and state legislators should have respected local zoning laws, provided sufficient advance notice, and allowed reasonable amounts of time to fully address resident's concerns at public hearings before so hastily proceeding with the deployment of new 5G technologies. After hearing the concerns of residents, I agree that we need more local control over 5G. As your Representative in Springfield I will co-sponsor House Bill 5818, the "Protect Me From 5G Act."

I will support the proposed House Bill 4653 to create the Local Control, Protection and Empowering Law to give residents more advance notice of when 5G wireless facilities are coming into their community and a stronger opportunity to object to pole placements and locations. The majority party in Springfield has been taking away both funding and control from our local governments, with disastrous results. I will look for ways to restore more local control in the affected municipalities and communities who will know best how to govern themselves.

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