



Statement Regarding SB1451:

Thank you so much for contacting me regarding SB1451 (Small Wireless Facilities). Because more and more people are using smartphones and other data devices in their daily lives, the need to provide greater speed and capacity to meet these demands has put a lot of pressure on wireless carriers to support their customers. 5G is the next evolution in technology, and this service is designed specifically to help improve data speeds and allow for greater capacity in small areas. However, I fully support the repeal of this SB1451, to allow the municipalities to have control over the deployment of small cells, so they can better serve their residents. I believe in local control to the greatest extent possible.

It is important to fully understand the benefits and potential risks with the deployment of 5G small cells. The technology is so new, and there are a lot of unanswered questions. In order to rollout wireless 5G, we need to fully understand the effect of this service and be assured that there is no impact to the health and wellbeing of the residents in the neighborhoods where wireless companies are looking to deploy these assets. I do support putting a hold on wireless technology projects until we have confidence that there are no negative impacts to the community, and we have the local residents' approval to move forward. After all, it's their home and the health of their families.

Sincerely,

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