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Statement from the Office of State Senator John Curran (R-Lemont), 41st Senate District Regarding the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (Public Act 100-0585)

Recently, the rollout of 5G Small Cell Wireless Technology in the Western Suburbs has brought forth concern regarding input from the local communities on a myriad of issues regarding placement and location of the technology throughout the municipality. Back in 2017 when this bill was debated in the Illinois Senate, the lack of local input and protections regarding placement of this technology throughout public space was the basis for my decision to vote “No” on the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (SB1451, 100th General Assembly).

The Small Wireless Facilities Development Act sunsets June 1, 2021 and the opportunity will be before the Illinois General Assembly to negotiate a new proposal going forward. I will continue to insist on greater local input and stronger local control options for municipalities and counties based on the limited non-preempted options available under the federal guidelines. Illinois residents deserve stronger protections and the original Act failed in this manner.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John F. Curran'.

John F. Curran
State Senator, 41st District