

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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Statement from Representative Amy Grant

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. The lack of local input and protections regarding placement of this technology throughout public space was the basis for my decision to Co-Sponsor Rep Deanne Mazzochi's HB5818 Small Wireless Facilities Act.

I support a wireless provider, providing 4g/5g wireless power to follow guidelines that are written in HB5818. It amends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. The bill also states that a wireless provider may be required to provide additional information when seeking a permit to install an antenna. This information includes a radio frequency engineer to make assessments, review by the FCC, documents on the original easements, and utility poles need to be 200 rather than 100 feet from a building.

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. I have always advocated for the peoples' voice and local control whenever feasible. Less interference from Springfield is a worthy goal!

It is very important to keep our citizens safe and these requirements are not unreasonable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy S. Grant".

Rep Amy Grant
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