

Dear Members of the House Energy and Technology Committee:

I strongly oppose SB 636, the bill drafted by ALEC that would put an end to copper-based landlines. I oppose the bill for the following reasons.

1. Safety—VoIP is unreliable in the event of power outages, natural disasters, etc.
2. Health—My health status does not permit me to be in the presence of the devices required to be used if traditional landlines are gotten rid of. VoIP causes spiky electromagnetic pulses through the line. These pulses affect my central nervous system and my heart. I *cannot* use a phone on such a line. For the same reason, I am unable to use cell phones. When I use a cell phone, or when I am even within four feet of some cell phones, my throat begins to close up; my nasopharynx begins to close up, making breathing difficult; my vocal cords cease to function; my heart palpitates; and I begin to feel nauseous.
 - a. There is a relationship between all these seemingly unrelated symptoms: the vagus nerve. The vagus nerve is a cranial nerve that exits the brain, and true to its name (*vagus*, from *vagabond*, wanderer), wanders through the upper body, innervating the pharynx, vocal cords, S/A node of the heart, and the gut.
3. This bill is nothing more than an attempt by ALEC and the telecom industry to serve their own interests. It would be unconscionable for you to vote for this bill. You are elected to vote the interests of citizens, not corporations despite any Supreme Court rulings to the contrary.
4. If this bill passes, I will have no ability to choose from a variety of Internet providers who use landlines.

I find it atrocious that this bill has sailed through the Senate with barely a moment for the public to catch its breath, let alone comment. It looks like it is set for the same course in the House.

Please let me know your stand on this bill. It is unconscionable for any representative, Democrat or Republican, to support this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,