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**Wireless Communications Infrastructure**

**CS/CS/SB 596 (Hutson) will be considered by the Senate Rules Committee on Wednesday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Senators on this Committee and Urge them to Oppose CS/CS/SB 596.**

**CS/CS/SB 596 (Hutson)** would preempt local government control of taxpayer-owned rights of way for placement of “small” or “micro” wireless antennas and equipment.

While Florida cities embrace the deployment of 5G technology in their communities, this legislation would offer deep discounts to multibillion dollar telecom companies at the taxpayers’ expense.

An amendment will be offered to the bill to address several issues raised by the League. Among other things, the amendment increases the price cap from \$15 to \$100 for each attachment. While this is an improvement, **it does not reflect a free market approach to the deployment of this infrastructure.**

This is subsidizing a for-profit industry with taxpayer dollars.

If passed, this legislation will use taxpayer-owned land to irresponsibly drive down costs, effectively wrecking an existing and functioning free market.

**Message to Senators:**

Installment of wireless communications technology should be negotiated at the local level.

Oppose CS/CS/SB 596 because instead of using a free market approach, it creates an arbitrary cap on fees (\$100/year) for the installation of this infrastructure.

**Senate Rules Committee – Oppose CS/CS/SB 596**

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