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The Honorable Tina McKinnor
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5520
Sacramento, CA 94249-0061

RE: Oppose AB 470 (McKinnor) Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort

Dear Assemblymember McKinnor:

I am writing on behalf of the City Council and residents of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to express our strong opposition to AB 470 (McKinnor). While we commend the bill's effort to increase the buildout of the fiber networks and broadband infrastructure, we are deeply concerned about the impacts that reduced or discontinued landline obligations could have on our community's public safety.

AB 470 would allow a Carrier of Last Resort (COLR), such as AT&T, to withdraw from its obligation to provide basic landline service in areas deemed "well-served." Copper-wire landlines are critical for emergency communication, as they remain functional during power outages and network congestion, unlike modern cellular and internet-based systems. Landline service has demonstrated its usefulness in supporting public safety, ensuring residents have the capability to call 9-1-1 during large emergencies.

Of particular concern is the City's risks for landslide, wildfires, power outages, and other disasters. The City is also situated on a peninsula with hilly terrain that makes it difficult for carriers to provide seamless wireless connectivity to every household. As such, landline services fill those gaps, increasing resident access to vital emergency alerts and enhancing public safety throughout the community. Therefore, it is imperative that any decision regarding COLR relief ensures the availability of alternative communication solutions that can adequately meet the basic needs of our community.



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The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is committed to promoting equitable access to high quality telecommunications services for all residents, especially those who are most vulnerable. We believe that access to reliable, secure, and open networks is essential for fostering community safety and well-being.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Seo'.

Paul Seo
Mayor