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Senate Commerce and Economic Development Committee  
Capitol Complex  
1700 West Washington  
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Dear Committee members,

In light of the upcoming hearing to consider implementing new regulations on the wireless industry, I write to urge you to stand up for the best interests of taxpayers and oppose S.B. 1010, the so-called "Cellphone Users' Bill of Rights."

In general, allowing state government to regulate thriving industry is a sure-fire method to halt innovation and limit consumer freedom. The government's ability to pick winners and losers in the market is a dangerous power that, when wielded, will cost taxpayers a great deal.

Enforcing regulations, such as those proposed in S.B. 1010, would cost taxpayers millions of hard-earned dollars. According to a study by Americans for Tax Reform Foundation, in 2007, Americans worked 192 days to pay the cost of government. **Regulation alone accounts for 16.9 percent of national income.** Preventing further regulation in all industries is a victory for taxpayers.

While any legislation that proposes to regulate technology is egregious, this bill is especially dangerous because it is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Proponents of this bill claim that S.B. 1010 would protect Arizona cell users from the abuse of wireless companies, when in fact this piece of legislation would limit consumer choice and drive up the cost of using wireless telephone devices in your state by creating restrictions on contracts and warranties. Many of the limitations on contracts proposed in this bill would in fact cut-out cost-saving options provided to consumers at the time of purchase.

Today I urge you to stand on the side of deregulation and competition. Under the current free market system, Arizona consumers have already seen increased service coverage. If you pass S.B. 1010, you risk pushing aside the free market system with heavy government regulation that will only limit consumer choice and place an additional burden on Arizona taxpayers by driving up their wireless costs. I urge you to oppose this legislation.

Onward,

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