

SB271 AND THE EFFECTS ON CWA

Q. What is SB271 (Senate Bill 271)?

A. SB271 is a bill that passed thru the Senate and is currently in the House of Representatives that takes landline service out of the consumers hand in competitive areas across Ohio. In any area that VOIP (INTERNET PHONE SERVICE) can be used Telecommunications companies don't have to offer traditional landline service.

Q. How do we fight SB271?

A. Tell family, friends etc... that this bill is going to cost jobs and safety in Ohio, refer to the AARP vote number 1-888-844-5009, this is a direct number to the House of Representatives. Put in zip code, and tell your house rep NO ON ISSUE SB271.

Q. Who is endorsing this bill?

A. State Senator Frank Larose, AT&T and other large telecommunication companies in the state. AT&T hired 33 paid lobbyists to help push this bill thru the House and Senate.

Q. How does this bill affect CWA WORKERS?

A. NO CWA JOB IS SAFE OR SECURE IF THIS BILL PASSES. If this bill passes it will force customers to have VOIP service and charge more to customers if landline service is all that is available.

Q. How does SB271 affect customers?

A. VOIP circuit is dependent on power. Business phones, intercoms and 911 less efficient. Life alert can't use VOIP technology.

Q. How does 911 work via VOIP technology?

A. VOIP and cell phones use a system of triangulation that gives a GPS signal of your location that you are calling from. It's not exact and could put EMS, FIRE and POLICE in a situation where they can't find you or your loved ones in a time of need. Reverse 911 didn't reach 578 people in Fairport Harbor in a time of crisis.

Lawmakers are trying to amend the Ohio constitution to make AT&T and other large communication companies make the choice for us. During a power outage or storms, traditional POTS (plain old telephone service) is always there like our CWA brothers and sisters.

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