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The Honorable Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Dereck Davis  
231 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 1188/ House Bill 1767 Wireless Facilities - Permitting and Siting

Dear Chairmen Middleton and Davis:

My name is (your first and last name) and I am a resident of (city, county). I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to SB 1188/HB 1767 Wireless Facilities - Permitting and Siting. This bill is unnecessary and would negate all the hard work the City of (your city) and its residents have done thus far in making zoning decisions that would benefit the people of our city. Planning and zoning decisions should be kept at the local level where they include vital components such as public comment and hearings. If these bills pass, the state is essentially telling residents like me that my concerns and feedback do not matter. Preemption bills such as SB 1188/HB 1767 set a dangerous precedent for both local authority and public participation.

Small Cell facilities under this legislation could be as tall as 50 feet and have equipment boxes up to 28 cubic feet. These structures have the potential to change the look and character of our communities. We should have input into their placement, how they look, and if, indeed we want them at all. This legislation is not an attempt by Telecom to help local governments but rather a national effort by industry to diminish public input and prevent local governments from exercising their zoning and siting authority over devices installed in the public rights of way.

I respectfully request that you and your committee members vote **unfavorably** on SB 1188/HB 1767 so that my neighbors and I can maintain our voices on important matters that impact our communities, our families, and ourselves.

Sincerely,

SIGN YOUR NAME

Print your name

Street address

City, State, Zip code