

Telecom Industry Advocates To Add STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act to Stimulus Legislation

From National League of Cities Legislative Team

I wanted to flag for you (and credit due to Gerry Lederer at BBK, who alerted me) that Senator Wicker is working with industry advocates to add the [STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act](#) to the stimulus package. As you may recall, this bill would enshrine in statute the FCC's small cell preemptions, plus a few other nasty bits (deemed granted provisions) for good measure. The bill has gotten limited traction in the Senate because of substantial pushback from local governments, and the bill's other cosponsor, Senator Schatz, indicated that he did NOT support its inclusion in the stimulus.

I don't think I need to tell you how craven, greedy, and short-sighted a move this is by industry, and I hope that most members of Congress will see it that way, as well. However, it would be helpful for them to hear about it directly from you.

When talking to your delegations about the stimulus and many possible provisions, please add opposition to STREAMLINE and local preemption to your list. Senators need to be reminded of local opposition to this provision, and House members need to be educated, as this could be slipped into a large Christmas tree bill with little pushback from unsuspecting representatives who are not familiar with the Senate bill. If you need some quick talking points on that bill, we still have a template letter on [NLC's Take Action page](#) that you can use – and you may have already sent a letter from your league to your delegation on this bill, and can re-send as a reminder.

Best,

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