



Deregulation of Telephone Service is **BAD** for Consumers, Workers and California's Budget.
SB1161-DON'T LET IT HAPPEN!

The California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) regulation of phone service has helped protect our jobs AND ensure quality service. Regulations protect service quality and affordability like Lifeline and rural access requirements add more customers, which mean more jobs. That's the good news.

The bad news is Senator Alex Padilla has proposed legislation that includes language to permanently prohibit regulation of any Internet Protocol (IP) related service. If passed, SB 1161 would deregulate anything that touches IP, which includes regular telephone service. Permanent deregulation means the CPUC could never act on behalf of consumers or help to ensure public safety.

The Senate Appropriations is reviewing the bill for its financial impacts of this legislation if enacted. **In light of Governor Brown's announcement of a \$16 Billion budget deficit, we simply cannot afford SB-1161. The Senate Appropriations' fiscal summary of the legislation puts the cost \$1.2 Million for special hearings to clarify jurisdiction. They also warn of additional ongoing costs in the millions of dollars for lost revenues as companies switch customers to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone services. Please ask these Senators to keep this bill in suspense.**

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