

## **Reply from Adam Zemke re Landline Phone Bill**

Thank you for contacting me about Senate Bill 636, which deals with telecommunication services. It is vital to the legislative process to hear valuable feedback from the people I represent.

SB 636, introduced by Senator Nofs, would establish a procedure, beginning January 1, 2017, by which a telephone provider could discontinue landline service to an area. You can track its progress and read a synopsis of the bill at [legislature.mi.gov](http://legislature.mi.gov). The bill also aims to set up safeguards so that all citizens may maintain reliable access to a voice service provider as well as 9-1-1 and emergency services. I do believe that it is important to embrace technology when it has proved itself to be consistent, safe, and intuitive for users.

That said, I do have some serious concerns about how this would affect constituents who have difficulty learning new technology or those who live in rural areas. Most importantly, my chief concern is with safety and access to 9-1-1. I am continuing to monitor this bill and will certainly keep your thoughts in mind should it come before me for a vote on the House floor.

Again, thank for taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this issue. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Adam Zemke

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