



# CITY OF MOORPARK

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**SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY**

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR S. 2012  
(Restoring Local Control Over Public Infrastructure Act of 2019)**

Honorable Senator Feinstein:

This letter expresses the City of Moorpark's support for S. 2012, the Restoring Local Control over Public Infrastructure Act of 2019.

The City of Moorpark is committed to serving its residents and businesses by ensuring the digital infrastructure of tomorrow is safe, reliable, and accessible to everyone. Cities are not only leaders in innovation, but also have an obligation to the public they serve to ensure safe, equitable deployment, and fiscally prudent broadband investment to their communities. It is essential that communities maintain control of the small cell application and review process to ensure safe deployment of this technology and that everyone benefits. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is attempting to preempt this process in a rushed and overreaching manner. For these reasons, the City of Moorpark applauds your efforts to restore authority to the rightful position of local jurisdictions and supports S. 2012.

The bill would return local governments' ability to balance competing interests for the use of the public right-of-way by overturning actions of the FCC in August and September of 2018. While the City supports the FCC's goal of ensuring affordable broadband access for every American, the FCC's actions do nothing to achieve that goal. They put the interests of national corporations over the needs of our communities by making it impossible for local governments to manage the public right-of-way effectively and equitably. They cede control of local property to national corporations without fair compensation in return, and without taking into account considerations for closing the digital divide, public safety, public utility services, the travelling public, environmental concerns, economic development, and maintenance costs.

Your leadership in passing this legislation is critical to ensuring local governments have the necessary tools to manage local public assets in a manner that balances competing interests while encouraging responsible deployment of wireless broadband facilities. Without this action, communities will face financial strain and be less able to serve their residents and businesses. It is necessary for both industry and our residents to reverse the FCC's rules on small cells and restore local control.

For these reasons, the City of Moorpark respectfully supports S. 2012.

Sincerely,



Janice Parvin  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
City Manager  
Community Development Director  
Public Works Director/City Engineer  
The Honorable Congresswoman Julia Brownley