

February 27, 2019

The Honorable Anna Eshoo  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

As elected officials, we are committed to serving the residents of our cities by ensuring the digital infrastructure of tomorrow is safe, reliable, and is accessible for everyone. Cities and counties are not only leaders in innovation, but also have an obligation to the public 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 preempted this process in a rushed and overreaching manner. For these reasons, we applaud your effort in restoring authority to the rightful position of local jurisdictions and support the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act (H.R. 530).

H.R. 530 would return local governments' ability to balance competing interests for the use of the public rights-of-way by overturning actions of the Federal Communications Commission in August and September of 2018. While we support the Commission's goal of ensuring affordable broadband access for every American, the Commission's actions do nothing to achieve that goal. It puts the interests of national corporations over the needs of our communities by making it impossible for local governments to manage the public rights-of-way effectively and equitably. It cedes 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 such as water, sewer, and electricity, the travelling public, environmental concerns, economic development, and maintenance costs.

Your leadership in passing H.R. 530 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 potentially delayed progress in adopting to the FCC's overreaching actions. It is necessary for both industry and our residents to reverse the FCC's rules on small cells and restore local control.

Sincerely,

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