



ATTACHMENT 1

August 6, 2019

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC, 2051

RE: Support - H.R. 530 - the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the City of Napa I am writing to express our support of H.R. 530, the *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019*. H.R. 530 repeals recent harmful Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations limiting the ability of local governments to regulate the deployment of 5G wireless infrastructure.

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,

Jill Techel
Mayor, City of Napa

CC: Steve Potter, City Manager
Nancy Bennett, California League of Cities
Amy Brown, Arc Strategies