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Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
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Washington, DC 20515

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

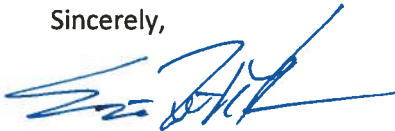
Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto, I write in support of your H.R. 530, which would overturn last year's FCC decision to limit local government review of small cell wireless infrastructure on poles and facilities in our jurisdictions. We agree that deployment of the infrastructure supporting new cellular technology must be completed in a thoughtful and deliberate manner. We also believe that it should be done through the usual public process associated with local government, a process that has worked well and needed no modifications from the FCC.

Like other cities, Palo Alto has a formal process for vetting wireless facilities. We maintain a transparent application and approval process, one that informs our community through [our website](#) and open meetings. The fees we charge are nominal and directly related to the cost of service. Telecommunication companies have successfully utilized our process in the past and currently, as we have placed their small cell infrastructure on city poles per their request.

As you noted, the FCC's decision to implement a time limit on our ability to review these applications – thus limiting our public process – cap fees, and restrict our ability to best determine the needs for our own city represents the FCC's failure to listen to local governments across the country. As such, we support your effort to return these local decisions to local governments. Thank you for your action; we look forward to continuing our support as H.R. 530 moves forward.

Sincerely,



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