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Honorable Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
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RE: H.R. 530 - Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act

Dear Congressman Huffman:

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully request your leadership in co-sponsoring the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act Bill (H.R. 530), introduced by Representative Anna Eshoo January 14, 2019.

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 2017. We believe that the Commission has significantly overstepped their authority.

We actively support the Commission's goal of ensuring affordable broadband access for every American. The Commission's actions denying local governments' ability to manage its public rights-of-way, however, do not achieve that objective. Local government is in the best position to effectively and equitably balance varied factors such as public safety, utility services, environmental concerns and maintenance costs and responsibilities.

Your co-sponsorship of H.R. 530 would be extremely beneficial to help ensure that local governments have the necessary tools to manage local public assets in a manner that weighs competing interests while encouraging responsible deployment of wireless broadband facilities.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathrin Sears, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
Honorable Senator Kamala Harris
Honorable Congresswoman Anna Eshoo