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The Honorable XXXXXXXXXX
United States House of Representatives

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Dear Representative XXXXX:

On behalf of [City/Town], I am writing to express our support of H.R. 530, the *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019*, and urge you to cosponsor this bill. H.R. 530 repeals recent harmful FCC regulations limiting the ability of local governments to regulate the deployment of 5G wireless infrastructure.

Last year, the FCC adopted regulations limiting the authority of cities and states to regulate small cell sites (e.g., attachments to street light and utility poles) needed for the deployment of 5G. The FCC's regulations sharply limit the type and amount of fees cities and states may charge for profit-generating use of public property, set "shot clocks" as low as 60 days for cities and states to conduct all necessary inspections and authorize proposals, and drastically limit non-fee requirements cities and states may institute. The regulations began taking effect on January 14, 2019. The League, along with a broad coalition of California cities, local governments and utility companies across the country have joined in suing the FCC over these regulations.

The FCC allowed industry to write these regulations without sufficient input from local leaders. This has led to regulations that restrict cities from requiring carriers to meet the needs of communities in which they want to operate. The FCC's order unnecessarily complicates existing agreements and negotiations between cities and wireless providers by imposing a one-size-fits-all preemption of existing state and local policies. The FCC's limits on fees for use of publicly owned property by private companies is an extreme overreach by the federal government, forcing cities to subsidize development at the cost of other critical local services.

We all want to ensure efficient, safe, and appropriate deployment of new broadband technology. However, this sweeping regulation is not the best approach. [The City/Town] of urges you to support and cosponsor H.R. 530, and to work together with local governments to find the best solution for effective 5G deployment that meets the diverse needs of our nation's many unique communities.

If you have any questions about H.R. 530 or you would like to cosponsor, please contact Asad Ramzanali at asad.ramzanali@mail.house.gov or 202-226-4581.

Sincerely,

[NAME, TITLE, CITY]

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