

Resolution in Support of Local Zoning Authority over Cell Site Deployments and a Call on Congress to Reinstate Such Authority by Reversing Recent FCC Actions.

WHEREAS local government has long advocated for universal access to reliable, high-speed broadband service, both wireline and wireless, as these services are critical for the delivery of education, economic development, employment, and a variety of essential services necessary for success and progress in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS local government believes that the U.S. must win the “Race to 5G” as the timely deployment of 5G broadband networks will have significant implications for U.S. innovation, including in transportation, agriculture, healthcare, education, public safety, manufacturing, commerce, and the development of smart communities; and

WHEREAS by means of orders issued on August 2, 2018 and September 26, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission took away local government’s ability to balance competing interests for the use of the public rights-of-way, not taking into account considerations for public safety, public utility services such as water, sewer, and electricity, the travelling public, environmental concerns, economic development, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS Representative Anna Eshoo has introduced H.R. 530, legislation to overturn the FCC’s actions of August 2 and September 26, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____
_____ thanks Congresswoman Eshoo for her leadership and calls on Congress to enact, and President Trump to sign H.R. 530, or similar legislation to invalidate the recent actions taken by the Federal Communications Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative _____ and Senators _____ and _____ with a request on behalf of the citizens of _____ that they support H.R. 530 or similar legislation.