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December 16, 2019

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Member of the United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

SUBJECT: S. 2012: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support S. 2012, restoring local authority related to the installation of small wireless facilities and leasing of public infrastructure.

On December 11, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this critical bill. As you know, the recently adopted Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations preempt the local ability for cities to require carriers to meet the needs of communities in which they 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. Additionally, the FCC's limitation on fees for the use of publicly owned property by private companies is an extreme overreach by the Federal Commission, forcing cities to subsidize development at the cost of other critical local services.

We want to ensure efficient, safe, and appropriate deployment of new broadband technology throughout the City of Santa Clarita. Your bill is the first step in taking a more holistic approach in ensuring that the deployment of small wireless infrastructure includes local municipality input and meets unique community needs.

We look forward to working with you to secure passage of S. 2012. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding the



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City of Santa Clarita's support for S. 2012, please contact Masis Hagobian, Intergovernmental Relations Analyst, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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