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Congresswoman Judy Chu
California 28th Congressional District
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Opposition to H. R. 2289 – American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025

Dear Congresswoman Chu,

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I write to express strong opposition to H.R. 2289, the “American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025.” While we support responsible broadband expansion and recognize the importance of modern communications infrastructure, this legislation would significantly undermine the ability of local governments to manage the placement of wireless facilities within their communities.

As drafted, H.R. 2289 would effectively eliminate local authority over the siting and review of wireless infrastructure. The bill would require local governments to approve wireless facilities on virtually any structure capable of supporting transmission equipment—including utility poles, light poles, buildings, overhead wires, apartments, single-family homes, and schools—even where such uses were never permitted under local zoning regulations.

In addition, the legislation would make it nearly impossible for local governments to deny new towers by removing the current requirement that providers demonstrate a gap in service. Instead, carriers could justify additional facilities simply by claiming they would “improve or enhance” service.

This represents a significant departure from longstanding federal telecommunications policy and would allow infrastructure deployment regardless of local land-use planning considerations.

H.R. 2289 also contains several provisions that would create serious governance challenges for local governments, including:

- **Mandatory approval timelines:** The bill converts FCC shot clocks into hard deadlines of as little as 10 days for small cells and 30 days for other facilities, after which applications could be automatically deemed granted—even if incomplete.
- **Automatic approvals:** If a jurisdiction fails to act within the imposed timeframe, applications would be considered approved without further review.
- **Prohibition on moratoria:** Cities would be barred from temporarily pausing applications to update local ordinances in response to evolving technology or deployment patterns.





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- Expanded FCC authority: The legislation dramatically expands the Federal Communications Commission’s authority to invalidate local laws it deems inconsistent with improving communications services.
- Environmental review exemptions: Most wireless deployments would be exempt from environmental and historic preservation review under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

Collectively, these provisions would remove the ability of local governments to thoughtfully plan communications infrastructure in a manner that balances connectivity needs with neighborhood compatibility, public safety, and community character.

Local officials are best positioned to understand the unique needs and concerns of their residents. Eliminating meaningful local oversight of wireless infrastructure will likely result in facilities being placed in locations that generate significant community concern, while leaving cities responsible for addressing the public frustration that follows.

It is also important to note that major national local government organizations—including the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors—have already expressed opposition to this legislation.

Cities support the expansion of broadband and next-generation wireless services. However, federal policy should promote deployment while preserving appropriate local authority to manage land use, protect community interests, and ensure transparent public processes.

For these reasons, the City of Glendora respectfully urges you to oppose H.R. 2289 and any similar legislation that broadly preempts local authority over wireless infrastructure siting.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of local governments and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Fredendall".

David Fredendall

Mayor, City of Glendora

CC: Glendora City Council, Rep. Earl L “Buddy” Carter, House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, House Natural Resources Committee

