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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and its over 30,000 members across North America, we want to thank you for introducing S. 2012, a bill to help restore local control in 5G/broadband deployment. This legislation will help the numerous communities across the country that are struggling to deploy broadband internet technology.

APWA appreciates your work on this legislation and the fact that it will help ensure municipal participation in the process of deploying broadband infrastructure. As cited in the legislation, recent actions by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) were taken to eliminate perceived regulatory barriers that inhibit the deployment of broadband infrastructure. However, the results have been the limiting of municipal participation in this deployment process. This limitation on municipal participation and input jeopardizes the ability of municipalities to manage their rights-of-way (ROW). Your legislation would help ensure that local communities have a say in the deployment of broadband technologies, and that any regulations that govern those technologies are produced with equal representation from all stakeholders.

Earlier this year, Democratic members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee introduced the Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow's (LIFT) America Act, which includes language to make critical investments in our nation's broadband infrastructure. That bill also makes investments in other areas of our nation's infrastructure, including investments in and expansion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and investments in the Brownfields program. Going forward, APWA is supportive of including the language from S. 2012 in a comprehensive infrastructure package put forth in the Senate.

Each day public works professionals are diligently working to protect and maintain the critical infrastructure that is so essential to protecting our health and quality of life. Because of our shared commitment, APWA

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looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this legislation, and other common priorities, to help public works professionals meet our infrastructure challenges. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Garcia in our Washington, D.C. office at [sgarcia@apwa.net](mailto:sgarcia@apwa.net) or at 202-218-6734.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Dave Lawry' and the second is 'Scott Grayson'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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