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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FCC moves to restrict local authority on cell phone antennae
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Dear Santa Rosa City Council and Mayor,
Dear Board of Supervisors for Sonoma County,

In the second of two orders released on September 30, 2025, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) proposing reforms that purportedly would “free towers and other wireless infrastructure from regulatory burdens imposed at the state and local level.” An analysis of the other FCC order focused on wireline deployments can be found [here](#). This second FCC order proposes rule changes that have been on the wireless industry wish list for some time and industry comments will be voluminous. **It is crucial for local governments to voice their concerns about the proposed rule changes.**

Please comment on the FCC's docket to say that you want to keep your local telecom ordinance in place. **Their proposal would strip cities and counties of local control. Your ordinances would mean nothing. Game over.**

What You Can Do: (Docket Proceeding now open: 25-276: Deadline to be announced soon.)

Submit a public comment to the FCC. Choose express or standard filing, but standard filing preferred (you must create a document and attach it)

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/standard>

FCC Fact Sheet: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-414414A1.pdf>

see more here:

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see attached flyer

Sincerely concerned,
Jennifer LaPorta



Stop FCC's Complete Takeover of Wireless Deployment

**Federal Communication Commission proposes
vast new rulemaking that will remove all local
control over wireless infrastructure.**

Local governments will be powerless, even with protective telecom ordinances.

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The FCC has proposed a sweeping rulemaking: WT Docket No. 25-276: “Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments”

This rulemaking will fast-track macro towers, small cells, base stations, and antennas into our communities, overriding our ability to protect public health, aesthetics, environmental safety, and local zoning.

This is not just a technical adjustment. This may be the FCC's Rubicon — a point of no return where federal overreach replaces local democracy. Once crossed, we will lose the ability to say “No” to towers near schools, homes, parks, and historic or scenic sites.

What's at Stake:

- Loss of local permitting rights- no setbacks, no proof of RF radiation compliance
- Federal override of concealment and aesthetic protections
- Accelerated deployment timelines that silence community input
- Potential expansion of AI-driven infrastructure with no public oversight
- Our inability to stop cell sites for any reason. No due process

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