



Date: April 17, 2019

To: Honorable Del Marsh, Senate Pro-Tem
Honorable Mac McCutcheon, Speaker of the House

From: Alabama Big 5 Mayors

Re: SB244 by Senator Livingston and HB346 by Representative Ledbetter

We respectfully request your opposition to legislation pending before the Alabama Legislature that would preempt the ability of local governments to adopt ordinances restricting or limiting the use of disposable single-use containers by local retailers. The ability of municipalities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their local citizens and determine how to best protect the economic viability of their local community is a key and a core function of local government.

Extreme overreach of preemption bills, such as SB244 and HB346, fail to account for those diverse local needs, interests and concerns, including environmental impacts, which make a community unique and could potentially result in aesthetic and economic decline within a community.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully ask you to oppose SB244 and HB346.

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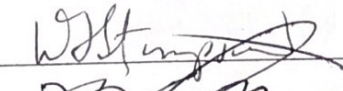
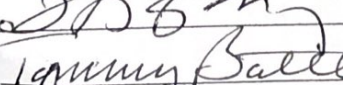
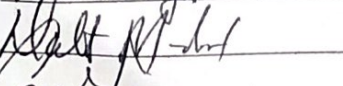

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Re: SB264 by Senator Orr – Municipal Rights-of-Way Preemption

We respectfully request your opposition to legislation, SB264, pending before the Alabama Legislature that will allow the installation of utility poles and wireless facilities within city owned rights-of-way as a matter of local government function, which is a constitutional provision. This proposed legislation preempts the ability of local governments to adopt local ordinances addressing municipal rights-of-way, as well as the preservation of public safety and the aesthetics of a community.

Small cell providers and municipal officials have met several times over the past two years to address the implementation of small cell technology. We do not feel this proposed legislation strikes an appropriate balance between the need for deployment of wireless broadband infrastructure and the need for local governments to manage its own rights-of-way.

Unless this legislation is restructured with greater deference given to local governments and local control of rights-of-way, we respectfully request your opposition to SB264.

Signature for Mayor Woodfin

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