COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 1999 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-38-1999	
Proposed by	Council Member Estepp	
Introduced by	Council Member Estepp	
Co-Sponsors		
Date of Introduction	July 13, 1999	

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Federal Telecommunication and Land Use Policy

For the purpose of requesting the Congress to provide for appropriate participation by local land use regulatory agencies in Federal telecommunication and land use decisions.

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has included language in the fiscal year 2000 appropriations authority legislation for the District of Columbia which would significantly restrict the input of local land use regulatory agencies, including the National Capital Planning Commission, in land use decisions by Federal agencies located within the District of Columbia and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has legislatively granted an application to a private wireless communications provider to erect communications facilities in areas within the control and jurisdiction of the National Park Service in contravention of existing federal laws, including, but not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Communications Act of 1934.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that County Council requests that the United States House of Representatives delete from the appropriations legislation for the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2000 amendment number 1223, sponsored by Senator Daschle of South Dakota, and included with such legislation as passed by the United States Senate, and from any subsequent legislation similar language that contravenes existing federal law to provide exemptions for wireless communications businesses that do not take into consideration existing usual and ordinary federal and local land use policies.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation and the members of the United States House of Representatives District Appropriations Committee.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 1999.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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