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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
United States Senate
335 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Sessions:

I am writing in support of the Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act (S.1504). As the mayor of the City of Mountain Brook, I urge you to support this legislation to benefit consumers here in Alabama and all across America. As I understand it, this act will be an advantage for our nation because it will:

- * bring more competition into the video marketplace
- * spark more investment in new technologies and infrastructure
- * leave local government responsible for and in charge of the rights of way
- * bring in additional revenue in the form of franchise fees from the new video service providers
- * protect the rights of local governments to build their own networks if the private sector won't
- * provide for national consumer protections that are guaranteed at the federal level and enforced at the state level.

I am eager to see the opportunities that can arise from this Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act. I believe this legislation is a win-win situation for cities and consumers, and I urge you to support it.

Sincerely,