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FIRST SELECTMAN

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Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 502 - Cello Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
Application Regarding 118 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

Dear Ms. Bachman:

As First Selectwoman of the Town of Woodbridge, I offer the following concerns about the new cell tower proposed by Verizon Wireless at 118 Newton Road. This letter serves as pre-filed testimony in Docket No. 502 and I will make myself available for any questions during the evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 13, 2021.

At a Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen held on October 14, 2020, "the *Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Ms. Heller, seconded by Ms. Stein, that the Board does not approve constructing the proposed cell tower at 118 Newton Road*". While the Town recognizes that there are clear benefits to expanded cell coverage and capacity, oftentimes those benefits do not outweigh the negative impacts that large cell towers have on nearby residents and their quality of life.

Such is the case here, where the negative impacts of a new tower would far outweigh the potential benefits. The application proposes a new, 100-foot-high monopole cell tower with up to twelve antennas in a 50' x 50' fenced area housing additional equipment, a 500-gallon propane tank and backup generator. The location is in the middle of residential area and abuts multiple single-family properties. Many neighboring residents have voiced objections to the proposed tower as a result of its general proximity and anticipated visual impediment.

Therefore, I urge the Council to strongly consider any non-residential alternatives to the proposed location, or to a new tower altogether.

Sincerely

Beth Heller
First Selectman