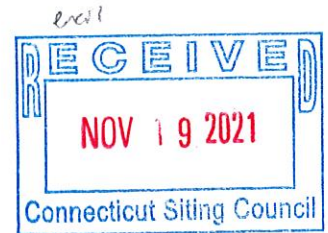




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To the Members of the Connecticut Siting Council:

We are contacting you again to strongly request that you vote to reject the application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 118 Newtown Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

At the July 13th hearing, there was unanimous resident feedback strongly opposed to the tower at 118 Newtown Road, Woodbridge. Subsequent meetings showed that the town of Woodbridge and its residents have made it abundantly clear that while an additional tower would be welcome in town, this proposed location is not acceptable. In conversations with town leadership and residents, we learned that another, very viable option, 15 Meetinghouse Lane, was presented. The location at 15 Meetinghouse Lane would allow a tower to be integrated into the community in an area that would not be as disruptive. The residents went so far as to do their own visibility study and drive test at their own expense, both of which proved that the proposed location of 118 Newton Road would have a far greater negative impact on residents without providing substantially better service than the proposed alternative of 15 Meetinghouse Lane. The alternative site is owned by the town and is much farther removed from any private residences and would still provide the goal coverage as originally outlined by Cellco.

Additionally, the comments and changing parameters recorded in the transcripts of subsequent meetings have implied to residents that this application is not being deliberated in good faith which is very concerning. The residents and the town of Woodbridge have clearly indicated their support of hosting an additional cell tower but have urged that the residents request for an alternate site to be respected.

Based on all of the information provided, we respectfully request that the current application be rejected, and the discussion continue considering the alternate site.

Sincerely,

Mary Welander
State Representative

James Maroney
State Senator

Jorge Cabrera
State Senator