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November 24, 2021

Senator James Maroney
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 502** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 118 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

Dear Senator Maroney, Senator Cabrera and Representative Welander:

The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your additional correspondence dated November 18, 2021 concerning above-referenced Docket No. 502. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record. The record is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

The Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an opportunity to participate. This schedule included a public hearing on July 13, 2021 for the convenience of the public. The Council continued the evidentiary hearing on August 31, 2021, September 21, 2021 and October 19, 2021 to allow parties and intervenors in this proceeding further opportunity to submit exhibits and cross examine the applicant.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at <u>portal.ct.gov/csc</u> under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

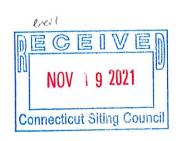
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Council Members





November 18, 2021

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