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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Robert McGarry
First Selectman
Town of Haddam
30 Field Park Drive
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firstselectman@haddam.org

RE: **DOCKET NO. 520** - Homeland Towers, LLC and 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 124 Ague Spring Road, Haddam, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman McGarry:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Haddam's March 21, 2024
correspondence concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to
provide the Council with the comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50/(b), a copy of the application is required to be
submitted to the Town of Haddam for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application,
the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is
developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and consider
all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or
submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list in the proceeding and will be
administratively noticed in the record. Please note you can view all of the documents related to this
proceeding on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/RDM/laf

c: Council Members
Service List, dated November 29, 2023

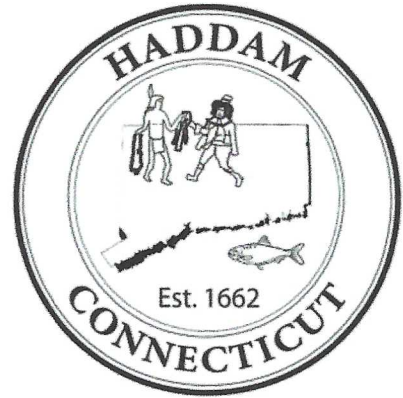
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Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
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RE: Docket No. 520 – Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a certificate of Environmental Compatibility and public need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 124 Ague Spring Road, Haddam, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Town of Haddam supports the construction of a cell tower at 124 Ague Spring Road in Haddam. The coverage provided by that tower will fill in most of a cell phone dead zone that is a major public safety concern.

The dead zone runs along 7.5 miles of Saybrook Road, State route 154, in Haddam. Saybrook Road is one of the most, if not the most, trafficked road in town. It runs along the Connecticut River from the north end of Haddam south to the Chester town line. The coverage from the proposed tower will fill in approximately five miles of that zone as well as providing cell phone service for the surrounding area. We have had serious traffic accidents on Saybrook Road where the calls for emergency services were delayed by the lack of cell service. And it's not just reports of accidents, any emergency calls from the area are impacted by the spotty or non-existent cell phone service. As a first responder myself, I can attest to how important cell phones are for emergency responders. We use them all the time on scene to augment our radios.

Again, the Town of Haddam supports the construction of the cell tower. It will go a long way to addressing one of our major public safety issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert McGarry
First Selectman