

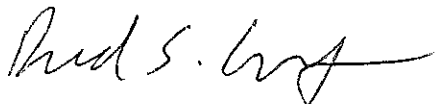
To: Ct. Siting Council
RE: Docket #373

March 21, 2009

I **OPPOSE** the placement of a 100' steel monopole cell tower and adjoining equipment compound located on the property of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street, Avon, Connecticut, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed location is in a populated single-family residential neighborhood far from any commercial or industrial property. The cell tower would permanently spoil the aesthetics and attractiveness of this neighborhood in our "picturesque New England village" of Avon (www.town.avon.ct.us).
2. The proposed cell tower location is near to a school and church (as well as many homes) and so the health and safety risks to the community would be unnecessarily extreme. Notwithstanding the lack of conclusive proof of the health hazards of such a cell tower, it would be irresponsible to proceed when safer and less risky alternative locations could be found.
3. There has been inadequate study of community response and possible alternatives. Let's commission a professional study of community opinion about the proposed cell tower location and, more generally, about zoning restrictions for such cell towers and identification of potential appropriate locations.

Sincerely,



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