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To The State of Connecticut
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RE: Docket #402

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Application for cell tower construction at 16 Bell Road Extension, Cornwall Bridge CT.

As an adjoining property owner I would like to address the issues that pertain to the suitability of the 16 Bell Road Extension site as a cell tower location.

I, like my husband, Fred Thaler, and many others in this community feel a particular responsibility as custodians and stewards of this special area in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

We live in an area of great but fragile natural beauty. I feel that any decisions that have impact on this area should be approached and considered with great care.

The town government and concerned neighbors directly affected by this site choice had tried to initiate this process of dialogue and cooperation and have been basically been dismissed. Kenneth Baldwin, representing Cellco/Verizon stated in a recent open meeting that market competition is the model that Cellco honors and that determines its decisions about this particular site.

In light of our recent disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, I have come to the conclusion that we must as a nation reconsider our business model that give corporate operating values priority over private citizen's rights. I do not wish to be regarded as collateral damage in the advancement of technology that is known to be considered outdated in Europe. The corporate skills that apply to building and putting up structures that increase service and revenues are valued over the skills to deal with complications or failures that are known to

exist or inherent in the operation of these structure, be they an off shore oil well or a cell tower affecting a fragile ecosystem.

My family is not living in this location as an investment. Our children consider this their family home and wish to raise their children here. We are dealing legalities of land use and have sought legal counsel and are retaining a soil engineer to examine the impact on our property, the vernal pool, the possibility of endangered or threatened species and the impact on water feeding into Furnace Brook, part of the watershed system of the Protected Housatonic River.

To serve this special area of natural beauty, one of the few left in Connecticut I request the cooperation of Cellco/Verizon and the Connecticut Siting Council with our local government to establish effective coverage for this area with the least amount of impact and construction possible. The goodwill created by this process would be invaluable going forward serving our community and all of Connecticut.

We support our local goverment and our Attorney General Richard Blumenthal in their concern to see appropriate use of power and information, before decisions are made siting cell towers in this sensitive area of Connecticut. Decisions once made cannot be taken back.

Respectfully,

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