

January 19, 2021

Via Email: siting.council@ct.gov

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Re: **EM-VER-020-201224** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 719 George Washington Turnpike, Burlington, CT

Dear Attorney Bachman:

Thank you for your letter of January 15, 2021 recognizing the public safety concerns of the Town of Burlington regarding additional proposed modifications to the telecommunications facility at 719 George Washington Turnpike.

As I noted in my original correspondence of January 11, 2021, the Town intended to hire its own engineering firm to review both the pending Verizon application as well as the equipment currently situated on the tower. In fact, the Town has now retained Centek Engineering to review these issues and we expect to have a report sometime in the near future which we will share with you.

In reviewing the current status of the tower with Town officials, it was brought to my attention that T-Mobile was conducting work on the tower beginning on, or about, December 19, 2020. It is our belief that this was the work approved by the Siting Council on July 8, 2019 (EM-T-Mobile-020-190614) which approval expired on July 8, 2020 as noted in your January 15, 2021 letter, and which you indicated having no report of such work ever taking place. This is exactly the type of unapproved, and unreported, activity which only heightens the concerns about public safety which I raised last week.

We are pleased that you have asked for input from each of the carriers as all pertinent information will assist you, and all of the stakeholders, work toward a safe and viable solution going forward.

Very truly yours,
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