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VIA ELECTRONI MAIL

November 21, 2022

Bruce Appell
Fire Chief/Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1547** – SBA Communications Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 277 Huckleberry Hill Road, Avon, Connecticut.

Dear Chief Appell:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Avon's correspondence dated November 15, 2022 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition 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.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition.

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

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

MAB/laf

c: Service List, dated November 9, 2022 Council Members



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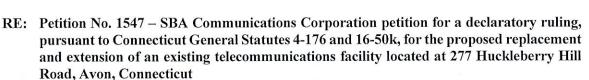
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November 15, 2022

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051



Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the above referenced docket. The Town of Avon has a vested interest in the approval of this Petition without delay as the proposed replacement tower is needed to support the Town's public safety communications objectives.

Avon's current system has reached the end of its useful life, and the Town experiences significant coverage gaps and lacks the functionality, features, and security of a modern public safety grade communications network. The current system poses a danger to the public and to our first responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Town's support for this Petition. Please contact me at (860) 409-4319 or bappell@avonct.gov with any questions.

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