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Subject: Craig Rd. Cell Proposed Tower

Town Planning Board,

I apologize profusely for my absence at tonight's town meeting. My husband, Michael Maglothin, has made it a point to be at every meeting to represent our family and the interests of our loving neighbors and the street which we all call home. Because the meetings scheduled for November and December were cancelled and moved, Michael is not able to attend as he is out-of-town for work. For the record, Michael rescheduled his work trip in order to attend the December town meeting, which was cancelled, if memory serves, the day of the meeting. I have four children ages seven and under, one of whom is sick, who all go to bed prior to 7:00 p.m. so I am not able to physically be present at the meeting. My inability to attend should not show a lack of interest or care in this matter and I very much wish I could be there as a physical presence, because I am sure it looks better to have more "people on our side."

We have a few points we would have liked to bring up at the meeting tonight, which we feel should be discussed and/or answered prior to any decision being made on this matter:

- 1) Based on the information provided by ATT, The Town of Acton is in compliance with the Telecommunications Act and thus does not need to approve the site for a new tower. The data maps provided by ATT show our road/area, to include Craig Rd, as having coverage as "best coverage" for both wireless voice and wireless data transmission. If we have already the highest coverage, as provided by ATT, then why would we place a cell tower as there is no gap?
- 2) Michael voiced concern for there not being a need/gap in coverage and requested a neutral third party complete a full drive test. If this has been accomplished, we have not found the results. We would like to review any data collected by the third party so Michael's team can analyze and cross check data.
- 3) There is alleged potential that the Long Term Evolution may not be fully adequate in the Acton area, but there has been no drive test showing results specifically for LTE coverage and/or gaps. However, as LTE coverage is the latest in cell technology development it is not currently installed on the other 29 cell towers or the 127 antenna sites within a four-mile radius of Craig Rd. In other words, our whole town is potentially a "gap." This does not mean one needs to build a new tower on a residential road, but rather one ought to install the new technology on currently existing towers and antennas in the area. It very likely, though not proven, that there would not be a gap if the suggestion was acted upon.
- 4) Erecting a tower on our road would create a LTE coverage gap as no other towers in the area currently support the new technology. How does this solve any gap? And why would a company feel they can continue to erect new towers when they can certainly remove old technology from

preexisting locations and replace it with the most up-to-date technology? It does not seem to make sense to continually add these structures, especially considering the rate at which the technologies continue to become quickly out dated. Once we are on satellite phones, I am sure the companies responsible for littering our country with towers, and antennas will not be required to remove the structures. This is illogical.

As it stands, Acton is fully in compliance with the Telecommunications Act and, great news, our little area is rated as getting best service in voice and data service! Instead of installing new towers and antennas we need to make sure that those interested in adding the newest service capabilities have first updated current towers and antennas and have completely exasperated all other means prior to asking to install new towers and antennas. While the town should attempt to keep up in a reasonable capacity to changes in technology, we need to do so in a responsible manner which is still in accordance with the Telecommunications Act, as we have been doing for the last many years. The Town of Acton has denied this tower before and I hope logic will prevail and you will do it again.

Again, I apologize for not being present at the meeting to verbally deliver this information to you and to show the town that we, my husband, my neighbors, and my family, are all very vehemently opposed to the erection of the proposed cell tower on Craig Rd. Because I am not there, I would love to Skype (my Skype name is Marmalbasin) in or VideoCall (978.844.3578), as I get great ATT coverage on my cell phone should you have any questions, comments, etc. I absolutely will have my cell phone with me, on stand-by, awaiting a potential video call. Please consider six empty chairs at this meeting tonight full with the warm bodies of my family. I am sure the Quinns would also like you to consider four more seats full on their account as well, as they, too, are out-of-town.

Thank you for your time and please, keep this meeting short, Kim (Gorman) needs to go home and rest. I know what it feels like to be on your feet all day, busy and eight months pregnant.

Have a great night,
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