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Land Use Compatibility & Rural Residential Character

Good ~~morning~~^{afternoon}. My name is Leila Cuglievan, and I am a member of Lewis County for Safe Technology. I live at 158 Breezy Lane, in close proximity to the proposed tower site. I am here to respectfully oppose this project because it is unnecessary, visually damaging to our landscape, and completely out of character with the scenic, natural beauty of our area.

We were drawn here by the open and picturesque views of the Cascade foothills and surrounding lakes. Our area is defined by forests, ridgelines, wildlife, and small family farms. The proposed tower would introduce a large, industrial structure into a place that has always been quiet and scenic.

Because of the elevation of my home, the tower would not simply be visible in the distance. It would be at eye level from my property, rising directly into the views that we currently enjoy every day. Instead of looking out over trees and open sky, we would be forced to look at a tall metal tower and antenna arrays dominating the skyline.

That is not a minor change. It fundamentally alters the character of the landscape and the experience of living here. This is not an industrial zone, nor is it a commercial corridor. It is a natural corridor where eagles and ospreys fly over the mountains in between Mayfield and Riffe lakes.

Watching these birds soar overhead is one of the things that makes living here so appealing. Introducing a tall tower directly into that corridor raises

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serious concerns about how it could affect those flight patterns and disrupt the wildlife that depend on this habitat.

Land-use planning exists to ensure that infrastructure is located in places where it fits the surrounding environment. In this case, the applicant is attempting to insert a large industrial structure into a neighborhood where residents chose to live specifically because of its rural character and natural landscape.

This raises serious concerns regarding compatibility with surrounding uses, scenic impacts, and the long-term integrity of the neighborhood. More importantly, it would establish a precedent that residential areas can be used for large commercial telecommunications infrastructure even when significant community opposition exists.

Lewis County's planning framework emphasizes protecting rural residential communities and maintaining the character of those neighborhoods. The County has an obligation to protect the integrity of our rural residential neighborhoods and ensure that development is compatible with its surroundings.

For these reasons, the proposal is inconsistent with sound land-use planning and should be denied.

Thank you.