

Hello, my name is Kristy Wallen. I'm a resident of Lewis County, a mother, and someone living with a condition known as electrohypersensitivity.

For me, exposure to radiofrequency radiation and other forms of artificial electromagnetic signals trigger physical symptoms. These include ringing in my ears, intense fatigue, anxiety, and difficulty concentrating. The longer I am exposed and the closer I am to the source, the more difficult it becomes to hold a conversation and concentrate. Not being able to concentrate also makes me feel less safe driving.

About ten years ago, my family chose to move to Lewis County to live in the country. One of the reasons we came here was the rural environment and the hope that living farther away from dense wireless infrastructure would allow me to rebuild my health.

At the time, Lewis County had fewer sources of radiofrequency radiation than many other places. My husband and I carefully searched for property as far from cell towers as possible. We thought that if we lived in a remote location and kept our home free of WiFi and wireless devices, I would be able to live a more normal life.

Unfortunately, within months of moving here, a new cell tower was installed less than a mile from our home. When I contacted the county, I was told there was nothing that could be done because the tower had already been approved.

Since then, additional wireless infrastructure has gradually increased in the surrounding area. Each new installation adds to the cumulative exposure that people like me must try to manage every day.

I understand that under federal law, this decision cannot be based on health concerns. But it is important for decision-makers to hear from people who are directly affected.

For families like mine, these decisions are not abstract policy questions. They affect where we can live, how we manage our health, and whether we can remain in the communities we love.

Maintaining my health has been a long and difficult process, requiring lifestyle choices that most people never have to think about. We've chosen to limit wireless technology in our home and focus on creating a healthier environment for our family.

My son has grown up with far less exposure to these technologies than many children today, and I'm grateful for that.

I'm here today not only for myself, but also for Skyview Drive neighbors who are concerned about the placement of this tower.

I respectfully ask that you deny this application and have the applicant find other alternatives to building a new tower right next to homes where families and children live.

Thank you for taking the time to listen