

Testimony submitted by Charles Frohman, on behalf of National Health Federation and in support of local property owner Adytum Sanctuary, on March 13th, 2026 before Lewis County, Washington state, in Opposition to Wireless Facility Application WCF25-0002

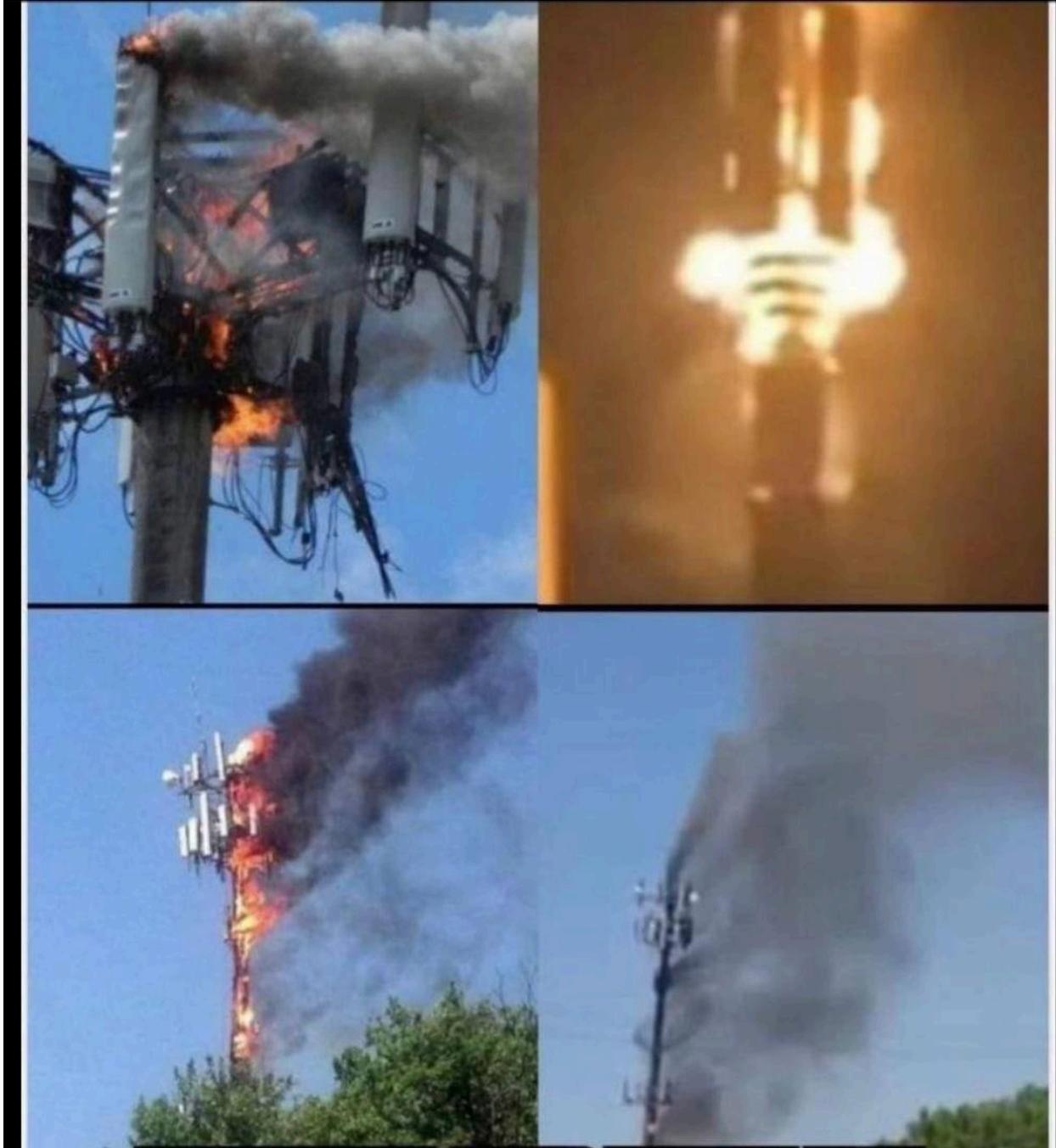
Dear Examiner & Commissioners,

My name is Charles Frohman, and one of your residents is my colleague at a 501c(4) advocacy organization - the National Health Federation (theNHF.com) - that opposes today's application for lack of need, heightened fire risk and catastrophic hits on property value.

On the topic of need - that is, whether a tower is needed, often Telecom interests [haven't followed](#) the lawful requirement to prove a gap in service, or are claiming poor service when families can't download Netflix in nearby parks. 99% of Americans already can make at least calls on their cell phones under the existing network of 4G towers separated by double-digit miles, and zoned safely far from where we sleep, study, work or play. Have county officials compared the maps of the applicant and the FCC, or are they falling for industry rhetoric on "enhanced" capacity or future needs - always based on proprietary evidence hidden from the public? Santa Cruz County didn't check, and now faces a lawsuit in superior court. We have to wonder if what's going on here, actually, makes a desperate effort by Telecom to replace reliable, secure, affordable and fast wireline Broadband connections to what's called the "last mile", that is to everyone's home, with dangerous, slow, expensive and insecure, fixed wireless - for no other reason than to monetize our data.

Not only do Telecom companies offer misleading evidence about gaps in cell service, but telecom facilities notoriously [caused](#) several of the biggest forest fires of the past decade. California's utility regulator determined, for example, that the 2018 Woolsey fire, which caused an estimated \$6 billion in damages, began after wireless facilities on a utility pole were poorly maintained. For another fire, in Malibu Canyon, the electric utility and carriers were fined \$99 million after utility poles fell during heavy winds, burning over 3,800 acres. Lewis County already suffers a significant wildfire risk that raises home insurance premiums, as a Realtor earlier testified. How will an unwanted, dangerous tower abate that price?

Finally, cell towers kill property values, sometimes [by](#) as much as 20%. When Realtors offer a home dangerously near such a tower, polls show 90% of homebuyers [reject](#) such offers. The research [is extensive](#), including a study from the University of South Alabama of over 23,000 home sales that found properties visible from a cell tower collapse in value by 9.78%. And whose compensating owners for this taking of their value (not to mention health)? Families are being forced to accept towers outside their bedrooms, children's classrooms & nearby parks with zero informed consent, serious wildfire risk, lack of need, and zero compensation for such a taking of their property value. Please reject this wireless facility application. Thank you.



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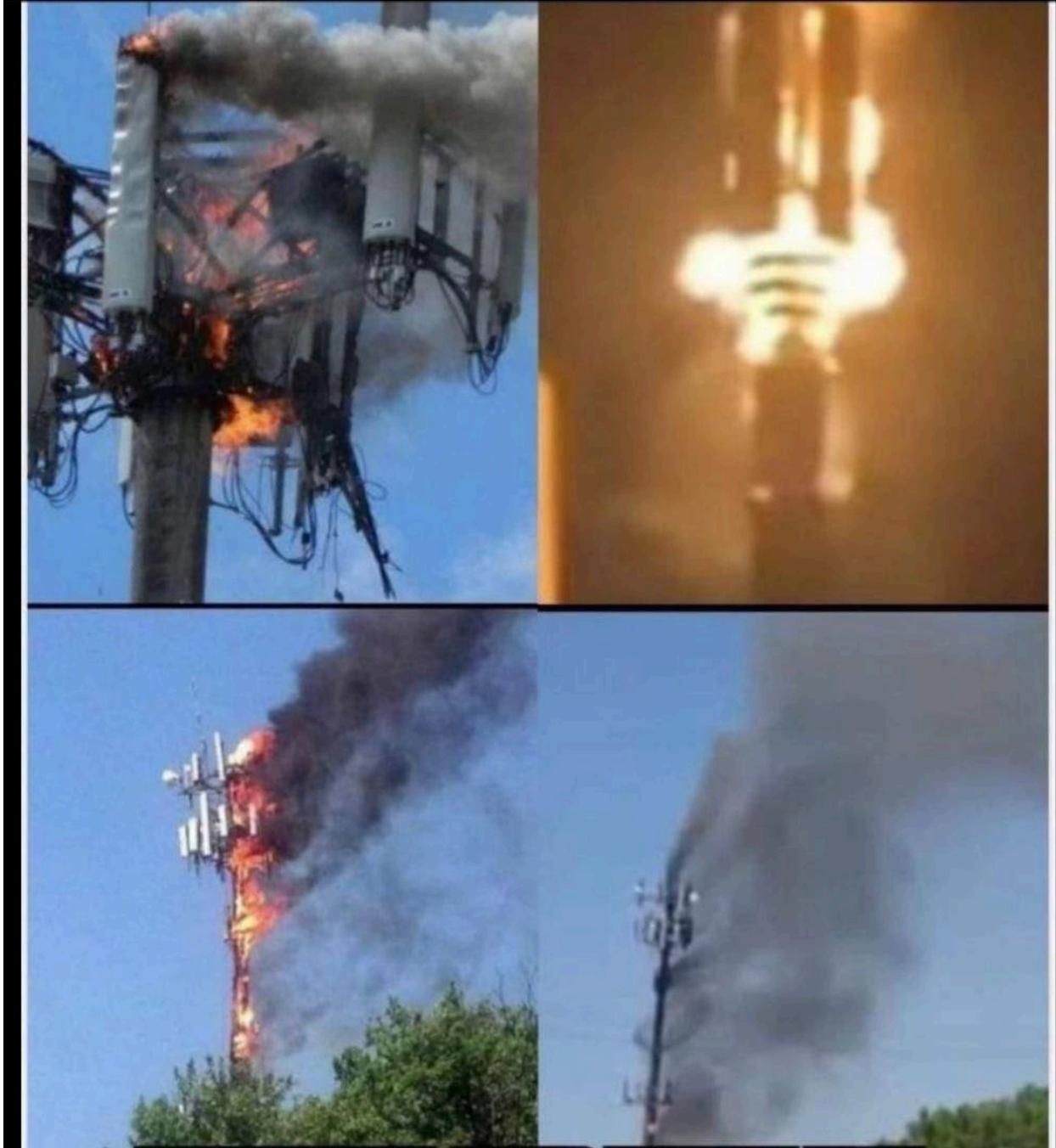
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My name is Charles Frohman, and one of your residents is my colleague at a 501c(4) advocacy organization - the National Health Federation (theNHF.com) - that opposes further wireless approvals until the Federal Communications Commission ends its refusal to update its wireless radiation exposure limits that [were remanded](#) in 2021 for ignoring the science - after Congress in 1996 [forbade](#) lawsuits when property owners are injured by facilities like the one under consideration today. But there exist other reasons to oppose today's application - including for reasons of need, fire risk and value hits.

On the topic of need - that is, whether a tower is needed, often Telecom interests [haven't followed](#) the lawful requirement to prove a gap in service. 99% of Americans already can make calls on their cell phones under the existing network of 4G towers located along major highways, remote hilltops and industrial zones. Have county officials compared the maps of the applicant and the FCC? Santa Cruz County didn't check, and now faces a lawsuit in superior court.

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Finally, cell towers kill property values, sometimes [by](#) as much as 20%. When Realtors offer a home dangerously near such a tower, polls show 90% of homebuyers [reject](#) such a horrible scenario. The research [is extensive](#), including a study from the University of South Alabama of over 23,000 home sales that found properties visible from a cell tower collapse 9.78%. Families are being forced to accept towers outside their bedrooms, children's classrooms & nearby parks with zero informed consent, serious wildfire risk, lack of need, and zero compensation for such a taking of their property value. Please reject this wireless facility application.



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