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Mr. Secretary:

I recently contacted my congressman, Representative John A. Boehner, to express deep concern about the towers for DTV, cellular telephones and pagers which are currently being erected in the midst of many natural areas of great beauty as well as, in my case, the middle of a small village in our county. These towers are of such size and height as to dominate the surrounding landscape and, in a serious way, "pollute" our environment.

I recognize that the United States is pushing to advance the DTV technology and that compromises will be required. I was shocked, however, to learn from Representative Boehner that the FCC had issued a directive in August 1997 which sought to preempt state and local zoning ordinances in order to assure the most technologically beneficial tower locations for those involved.

I strongly object! At this time, the only restraint available to the small village I cited earlier, is their local zoning ordinance. Why would you even consider expanding federal power to this extent without avenues of appeal and/or procedures which would require a local referendum on the locations of these towers.

I've written to the editor of our local newspaper, and will write again when I learn your response. In my opinion, the directive, as it now exists, will cause undue harm to our environment, our communities, and our natural areas.

Thank you,

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