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Hon. Barack Obama, The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Opposition to the CTIA-The Wireless Association's, Petition to the FCC for the limitation of local zoning authority

Dear President Obama:

Our organization was founded in part to address community zoning concerns. Two years ago, as a long-sought rezoning effort was reached its conclusion on the Upper West Side, a developing interest tried to do an end run around the democratic process of open debate, discussion and compromise. Drawing from the rich diversity of our community we put together a strong coalition and successfully resisted this breach.

Our recent experience is the reason we write to you now. The CTIA's petition is another example of a powerful interest attempting to skirt local laws, local zoning and community input. If the CTIA has its way, the need for any local input as to cell tower siting will be erased. We oppose this and ask that you do too.

Recent economic events have shown us that powerful industries such banking, commerce, and telecommunications need some regulation – no matter what they say to the contrary! They also need to be kept mindful of the public's right to have a voice in affairs of the day especially at a local level where the impact of bad judgment in boardrooms is so often felt. We believe the CTIA's petition runs counter to this need too. It should be rejected.

Thank you for your attention.

Cordially,



Jean L. Jaworek,

For the Manhattan Valley Preservation Coalition

cc: Hon. Kevin J. Martin, Chairman FCC
Hon. Christine Quinn, City Council Speaker, New York City
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