

To whom it may concern:

While I can understand the desire to increase the speed with which increases in cell tower height are implemented, it is a mistake to force areas with unique natural and historic resources to comply with generic rules in the way this proposal does. Such rules do not allow local decision makers to apply standards that have been shown to work in both allowing for improved and the maintenance of the character that makes places like the Adirondack Park a destination for tourists and outdoors people from around the country and around the world.

In places like the Adirondacks that depend on their natural beauty for bringing much-needed money into communities, decisions which may seem minor to those not from here, such as implementing a minor increase in tower height, can have far-reaching impacts. Because of this, the Adirondack Park Agency has crafted a proven standard for modification to cell towers. Moving forward, any rule regarding this subject should defer to areas where such policies already exist.

Please consider allowing areas such as the Adirondack Park, which already have successful policies in place, to continue to use them to protect our natural resources and to continue allowing future generations to enjoy the view unimpeded by cell towers.

Sincerely,

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