

The proposed rule by the FCC will pre-empt what the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) has long established in a comprehensive policy (2002) for the review of communications towers to be "substantially invisible." Minor increases in height, width, in the wrong location (without automatic review), would severely impact the "For Ever Wild" naturalness of the Adirondack Park.

Current FCC's policy has already set forth guidelines **that are consistent** with the Adirondack's Council Position; that states for tower construction:

- 1) " Approval from the state or local governing authority for the proposed site,
- 2) Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA),
- 3) Compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); and may require
- 4) Notification to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); and
- 5) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) with the FCC."

Moreover, Section 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act *"preserves state and local authority over zoning and land use decisions for personal wireless service facilities."* This must be preserved in all aspects of cell tower construction, to include height and width limitations that are consistent with local or municipality land use and zoning regulations, with overall review by the APA.

NY State Governor Cuomo has recently encouraged and stressed a balanced economic growth policy for the Adirondack Park. The expansion of cell towers-and broad band communications infrastructure - is just one part of this effort. It is precisely for the reasons that the Park has been a growing tourist attraction, that we must preserve its beauty without sullyng the mountain and lake viewpoints with unsightly cell towers that leap out to distract you.

One only has to look at the attached cell tower photo above to capture what would occur if cell tower providers were exempt from local government review, who could embark on an unbridled expansion of cell tower structures that would leave a lasting ***root canal persistent pain*** - that only diminishes the pristine mountain views of the Adirondack Park.

There is a growing trend in this great country of ours to for citizens to have an active voice- to think local in building community spirit for the common good. We must preserve these inherent rights, not to relegate them to the anonymity of excessive federal government control.

Therefore, there is no need to change current FCC guidelines, that preserve review authority to local governments and municipalities over cell tower construction ( any by inclusion, any modifications thereof).

Respectfully submitted,

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