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To the FCC:

As a former resident of the Adirondacks for 25 years, the natural beauty of the region is extraordinary and irreplaceable. A generic, nationwide plan for cell tower expansions will not work in places like the Adirondack Park that have valuable scenic and historic resources. Being mindful of the need for communications, I feel it is also important to build towers wherever necessary, as long as they don't mar the beauty of the natural landscape. The APA has a policy in place for doing this and it is working. The FCC should not wipe out the APA's successful policy for the siting and modification to cell towers, which has protected the scenic beauty and ecology of the Adirondacks for 12 years.

In your ruling, I recommend that you exempt those areas that have established standards for cell towers, such as the Adirondack Park.

I have recently moved to rural Vermont and see the differences where there have not been restrictions on development and cell towers. It should be recognized that the Adirondack Park is a valuable natural resource and protected as such.

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