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To the Federal Communications Commission:

While increasing rural access to advanced wireless broadband services is clearly a desirable goal, it is a process that should be controlled by local communities. With the diversity of needs in each rural area, decisions about cell towers in each region are best made by the people who live in those regions.

In the State of New York, for example, we have a pristine wilderness area in our Adirondack Park which already has a policy protecting its beauty and appeal to those who love the outdoors. It would be a tragedy to allow outside decision-makers undo those protections, which help preserve not only the unspoiled beauty of the Adirondacks but also help ensure its appeal to outdoors enthusiasts who visit our region.

If the FCC cannot allow each rural region to decide for itself about regulations for the installation of new communications towers, at the very least, it should allow areas that already have established standards to be exempt from any new FCC changes in cell tower allowances.

Please allow local communities to make their own decisions about construction of cell towers in rural areas.

Sincerely,

Martha McDowell