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Department of Planning and Building,
Services Commission Staff
860 North Bush Street
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Mendocino County

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Planning & Building Services

Dear Supervisors of the Department of Planning and Building:

I am strongly opposed to the 143-foot tall cell and microwave tower and facility that is planned for Pine Mountain, in Willits. Free, independent choice is what brought us here. I moved to Pine Mountain to enjoy a safe, private, aesthetically pleasing, natural environment in which to raise my family. The 143-foot tall cellphone and microwave tower and facility that is planned for Pine Mountain would encroach on these values will have a negative impact on my family.

There are many families with young children (mine is one) and retirees in our neighborhood, and they chose to move here because it is a safe, healthy, natural environment. But their right to choose will be undermined, indeed nullified, if a 143-foot cell tower is erected here. A cell tower will introduce new fire hazards to an already vulnerable area, it will bring down property values, and it will create environmental, visual, and health disruptions for all who live here.

The impact on the community, the land, and the resources of the area is not worth the minimal temporary benefit that the facility might provide before the technology is outdated. I am genuinely concerned for my family's physical and financial welfare, and for that of friends and neighbors who live in close proximity to the cell tower's proposed location. It is negligent and wasteful for you, our elected officials, to support such a project.

Please do your elected duty and protect the people you serve by stopping the unneeded 143-foot tall cell and microwave tower and facility that is planned for Pine Mountain. Use our taxpayer money to fix the roads, the schools, and to support mental health issues in this county. Elon Musk, through his SpaceX company, is already securing global Internet connectivity and cell phone accessibility with his 40,000-satellite constellation, Starlink. Please leave our mountain untouched and allow Pine Mountain landowners to choose how much contact they wish to have with technology.

Sincerely,

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