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Dear Planning and Building Services Commission,

I have lived in Willits for the last 30 years, and have always been proud of our County government for it's consideration of the health and well being of its residents. It has sometimes been necessary for residents to lead Mendocino County in taking action that is for the greater good of the communities.

I am vehemently opposed the the construction of the tower on Manzanita Drive in Willits. The reasons I am opposed are as follows:

- The tower is planned in an area with high winds that will increase the fire danger. In an emergency, land lines are frequently the last communication available, not cell towers.
- The property value of other properties will be decreased because of the placement of the tower. This tower will be easily visible and ruin the views of the landscape. Many landowners who oppose the tower have owned their properties for decades.
- The tower will have a negative affect on both human health, and the health of other species and insects in the area. This has been proven with various studies. Dr. Robert Gitlin, DO in Redwood Valley, and Dr. Max Duncan, Neurologist in Santa Rosa, are local physicians that treat individuals with EMF sensitivity. They can attest to the debilitating symptoms and suffering this sensitivity causes. The negative effects on the health of other species has not been considered or researched for this project..
- Many of us moved to rural Mendocino to escape traffic congestion, close neighbors, pollution, etc. We have a deep appreciation of rural life and landscapes. Towers compromise the land and lifestyle that is unique to rural Mendocino County and adds EMF pollution.

- The public does not have an opportunity to appear at the hearing because of the current SIP order. Therefore, it is not possible for the Commission to make a fair judgement of the support or opposition for this project. At the very least, this hearing should be delayed until the public has an opportunity to appear before the Commission.

I believe the construction of the tower is based on desired revenue and increased internet access for the benefit of commerce.. The first of these reasons, revenue for the one land owner, is not reason enough to mitigate all the negative aspects of this project. Increase internet access has not been available in all areas of the County. Many residents have appreciated that fact. I suggest that again, the rural land of this county may not be an appropriate place for high-speed internet access if the cost is such wide ranging negative aspects. I would rather be know as the County that puts health, well-being of all species, preservation of land, and rural beauty ahead of personal revenue and high speed internet in all areas. Many of us purchased land long ago as a sanctuary for our health and connection to nature. We have spent the last few years dealing with deadly fires that have threatened our lives. Many of us that live on rural land work very hard to make our property as fire safe as possible. Adding cell towers is adding to our risk and ruining the sanctuaries we call home.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns in this matter.
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Peace is our gift to each other.
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