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Subject: Letter of support for Mendocino County AT&T cell tower installation

To whom it may concern,

The Western Fire Chiefs Association is in support of the Little Lake Fire Protection District, the Mendocino County Sheriff and other emergency response agencies first responders personnel. We would like to offer this letter of support for the installation of a new cellular tower to be installed in the area of Manzanita Drive on Pine Mountain. We support the installation of this cell tower because of the redundancy in communication it will bring to first responders, and therefore support the FirstNet mission within Mendocino County and the State of California.

Mendocino County has experienced multiple incidents in recent years with fire, law, EMS, emergency management, public works and PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that have identified "lack of communication" as an emergency response shortfall, including alert and warning.

Please consider this cell tower installation as an important infrastructure partner in alert and warning and emergency response. It will help with information distribution such as evacuation orders, operational planning, address identification, mapping, technology application and most of all, transferring medical response information between units in the field and the hospital.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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