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**Subject:** No to ACU-23-00003, proposed cell tower, 4140 Manastash Road  
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Dear Sir,

We are saddened to hear that the KCCDS is even considering the proposal for a cell tower to be located in our agricultural/rural neighborhood off of Manastash and Blaze Sky Lane. We are even more shocked by the lack of transparency with this issue, as most of the families impacted by this proposal were informed by a Facebook post. My husband and I can't help but feel the same as John and Debra Schmit (see their email attached below which you received on 8.20.23) that this is a "hush-and-rush" agreement which will not allow the neighboring community to have a say. We find this to be a travesty and lack of good judgement by your department that doesn't appear to take into consideration the health and wellbeing of the residence within close proximity, not to mention the wildlife that finds this area home.

Since made aware of this proposal just a few days ago, I have done some research on the topic and the implications it can have on our health, the wellbeing of the environment and wildlife. We implore you to take a closer look at the ramifications such a tower will have on us all. Please consider how you would feel having your family directly impacted by the electromagnetic fields. Would you want your loved ones to possibly suffer from headaches, memory loss, cardiovascular stress, low sperm count, birth defects, fertility issues, or cancer?

We do agree that our valley is in need of stronger service when it comes to cell phone reception. However, we will continue to endure a few dropped calls here or there to continue to feel safe in the environment that we reside. Please highly consider a location that is not located to any families in our valley. We certainly are not proposing this tower is located across town if it will have the same repercussions for other families; we want it as far away from any family. That is the most humane solution as our valley is vast, and there are certainly many other locations that will not be directly located within a community of people.

We trust that your department will take a closer look at this proposal, and we trust that you will do the right thing for the citizens of Kittitas County.

Thank you for your time!

Respectfully,  
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Sir, my wife happened to learn from a Facebook friend that Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS) issued a letter advising that a telecommunications tower is proposed for an address which is *very* close to our community. The letter describes that on July 13th, KCCDS received application to install a tower, notice was made (public notice?) on August 8th, and that while KCCDS is not required to hold public meetings, input will be accepted, in writing, up to 5:00pm on August 23rd.

Neither we nor our neighbors received even this short notice directly, but first reaction for my wife and myself was shock at the prospect that such structure would be invited or permitted into our agricultural/rural neighborhood, and secondly, that KCCDS did not distribute notice to those of us who will be directly impacted.

Having seen the KCCDS letter for the first time today, I cannot say that I've researched the implications in depth, but I see that other communities have launched large scale complaints and even litigation against similar proposals (Walla Walla article link, below), and there is even suggestion that telecommunication corporations are preparing for anticipated litigation related to future cell tower related health problems (ehtrust.gov link).

There are tower support arguments that federal agencies are responsible for setting regulations for safety and local governments only issue permits, then anti-tower arguments that property values may suffer... and there are other perspectives which I do not know enough about to either support or argue. But since no presentation or advance notice of pro/con aspects of what may be of significant and irreversible impact to our homes and lives has taken place, I can only say that my wife and I are opposed to what appears to us to be a hush-and-rush change to the character, value, and perhaps livability of our environment.

I trust that KCCDS is interested in the best interests of its jurisdiction and that my "hush-and-rush" comment is overstatement, but with the immediate deadline for input and limited information available, my wife and I want KCCDS to be aware that not all parties may be in agreement with this development.

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Walla Wall link: <https://www.govtech.com/network/washington-city-sees-residents-fighting-cell-tower-build>

ehtrust.gove link: <https://ehtrust.org/liability-and-risk-from-5g-and-cell-towers/>