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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings Attn: Nana Johnson 100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200 Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Hearing Officers:

I am writing to express my **strong** support for the proposed 179-foot cellular tower that would be accessible and used by Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile.

As the Senator for Gaithersburg and Rockville, I have experienced firsthand the <u>terrible</u> cell service along the Eastern half of the Intercounty Connector (ICC). I have regularly encountered dropped calls and unreliable service in this area. In fact, I have testified TWICE at the annual MDOT "Road Show" about this persistent problem. This situation directly affects my ability to conduct constituent outreach, legislative work, and other pressing matters.

Reliable service is essential not only for elected officials like me, but also for public safety, business continuity, and the residents who depend on it. This infrastructure investment is a necessary step toward addressing a long-standing coverage gap and ensuring better service.

I urge your favorable consideration of this proposal and appreciate the opportunity to share my support.

Best,

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