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Public Utility Commission
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Public Utility Commission,

I am writing concerning an application of a cell tower by Verizon/Vertex which is expected in your office by Friday.

I have been following this process without discriminating or taking sides. If I may share taxpayer input and thoughts:

- Verizon has chosen the highly traveled Riley Rink site, they only reviewed that site and no others, so how can you determine the best reception?
- Verizon presentation to the community was well attended and surely not well received with there "we will put it where we want to no matter ", now these are taxpayers, that a for profit Fortune 500 corporation that you would assume respect communities in Vermont. Find and evaluate other locations?
- The PSC needs to visit this site and draw their decision, to include the public and Town Manager.
 - In flight path of Life Net to landing pad
 - The safety/dispatch communication facility, which Verizon could not confirm any interference.
 - Close proximity to residential areas and rec area.
 - No confirmation of red safety light a top.
 - I really have tried to find positive but no firm clarification of a positive improvement of communication reception, for what is the main intent, not their financial gain. The taxpayers need to be supported with justification from the PUC and Verizon. Are big corporations controlling the state, or taxpayers input? Is a strengthen reception in Manchester needed, absolutely! I am aware of federal and state regulations but common sense and reality needs to come in play. I ask you please not take this lightly, and make this document as public record.
- The solution maybe that to make it a by law/policy for cell tower providers to experiment/investigate 8 proposed sites and submit 6 for review.?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

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Cc:Governor Phil Scott