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Hello, Please kindly forward this to the conservation board for the meeting tonight at 7:30 PM. Thank you.

To the Town Conservation Board:

I am a long-time resident of Yorktown Heights, and would like to submit this letter in opposition to the building of a cell tower at 62 Granite Springs Road.

I live about a half mile from this site, and believe that a cell tower at this location would be detrimental to the environment and to the wildlife that live in the wetlands of this area. The town will have to alter a portion of the land near the wetlands, cut down trees, and build a facility to support the cell tower. I am a lifelong nature lover, and do not want to see a habitat for native birds and wildlife diminished. In addition, construction work in this area can disrupt the ecosystem of this wetland.

The noise and pollution from building the wireless facility and the tower will affect the wildlife that live there. The noise and lights will alter the environment birds need to home, nest, and communicate in. The radiofrequency (RF) will affect a bird's natural geolocation abilities.

Yorktown is a town of suburban homes, natural and park areas, and some farmland. There are already many towers around the town, and there is no observable need for another one. A cell tower right next to a wetlands natural area would be incongruous. This parcel of land is a picturesque part of town, and there is a great benefit to seeing a spot of nature in between the houses. A cell tower would disrupt that.

I urge the conservation board to not approve the permits being sought by Homeland Towers to alter this proposed site in Yorktown.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Gherson