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Dear Members of the Town Board,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed 130-foot macro cell tower by Homeland Towers on Granite Springs Road. The proposed site is located within a residential neighborhood and a designated wetlands buffer, surrounded by homes and environmentally sensitive land.

This proposal raises significant concerns regarding wetlands protection, wildlife habitat disruption, stormwater management, tree removal, public safety, property values, and overall quality of life. Construction and ongoing maintenance of a tower of this scale would permanently damage established land and water ecosystems that support a wide range of plant and animal species. The environmental review to date appears incomplete, particularly given that the site visit occurred outside the growing season and does not reflect the full extent of vegetation and wildlife present during peak conditions.

I urge the Town Board and Conservation Board to require the applicant to fund an independent environmental and wildlife study conducted by a qualified professional selected by the Conservation Board before any further consideration of this project.

Additionally, the CityScape plan for this area does not include a 130-foot monopole tower within this neighborhood. Alternative methods of improving local coverage that do not require a macro monopole should be fully explored.

The proposed tower would also significantly and negatively affect nearby property values. This area is valued for its natural scenery and residential character, and the introduction of a large industrial structure would permanently alter the landscape and reduce the desirability of surrounding homes.

While reliable telecommunications infrastructure is important, such facilities should be located in commercial, industrial, or less densely populated areas whenever possible. There is no clear evidence that this tower would meaningfully improve service for Yorktown residents; coverage gains may primarily benefit Somers. The proposed tower would provide the Town with \$2,000 per month, a modest financial benefit that does not justify the environmental, visual, and economic risks to this community.

I respectfully request that the Town Board reject the proposed cell tower on Granite Springs Road.

Respectfully,
Crystal Raymond