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Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned Yorktown resident to respectfully oppose the proposed resolution to retain Douglas Fishman to review Homeland Towers' application for a 130-foot cell tower at 62 Granite Springs Road.

I ask that this letter be entered into the public record and shared with both the Town Board and the Planning Board.

While I appreciate the Town's stated intent to better understand the technical aspects of this proposal, I am deeply concerned that retaining Mr. Fishman does not meaningfully address residents' concerns, nor does it provide the level of independence, transparency, or public confidence that such a consequential decision warrants.

According to the Town Board agenda, Mr. Fishman is described as an "independent radio frequency engineering consultant." However, publicly available records show that Mr. Fishman previously worked as an RF Manager for AT&T and has repeatedly been retained by municipalities in matters where his analyses ultimately supported wireless carriers or developers seeking approval for macro cell towers and related infrastructure. In each documented instance I have

reviewed, his conclusions favored the applicant.

This history raises a reasonable and important question: whether Mr. Fishman can truly be considered independent in a way that reassures residents their concerns will be impartially evaluated. At minimum, the appearance of bias undermines public trust in the process.

Equally troubling is the use of taxpayer funds to retain a consultant whose work product may predictably support the developer's position. If the Town Board's goal is to genuinely evaluate community concerns—visual impact, environmental constraints, alternative siting, and necessity—then the consultant selected should be demonstrably neutral and free from longstanding professional ties to the wireless industry

If the Town Board believes outside expertise is necessary, I respectfully urge the Town to consider a consultant with an established record of independence, selected through a transparent process that allows for public input. Residents should be afforded the opportunity to suggest qualified experts and understand the criteria used in selecting them.

Additionally, many of the concerns raised by residents extend beyond radio frequency coverage alone. These include environmental impacts, wetlands delineation, neighborhood character, and long-term precedent for similar structures. Addressing only one narrow aspect of the proposal does not provide the comprehensive review this situation demands.

In addition, it is important to acknowledge that the broader public conversation around electromagnetic emissions and long-term health effects is evolving. Recent public statements by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. have emphasized the need for greater caution, transparency, and continued research regarding chronic exposure to electromagnetic radiation, particularly as wireless infrastructure becomes more dense and closer to residential areas. While opinions on this topic vary, such statements underscore that public concern is not fringe or isolated, and that it is reasonable for communities to seek thorough, unbiased review when evaluating large-scale wireless installations near homes, schools, and natural areas.

Given the scale and permanence of the proposed tower, and the level of community concern, I respectfully request that the Town Board pause this resolution, reconsider the selection of any consultant, and pursue a more transparent, inclusive, and genuinely independent review process.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of the concerns of the residents you represent. I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully ask that you act in a way that prioritizes public trust, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful community engagement.

Sincerely

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