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Mr. Klaus Wimmer Homeland Towers, LLC 9 Harmony Street, 2nd Floor Danbury, CT 06810 kw@homelandtowers.us

RE: Granite Springs Road proposed cell tower / HT NY578

Dear Mr. Wimmer:

As discussed, the Yorktown Heights Fire District has experienced poor radio coverage as well as poor cell phone coverage in the Granite Springs area for many years and welcomes the opportunity to place four (4) antennas and equipment on the proposed cell tower.

The placement of additional antennas and equipment at this location will greatly enhance our communications capability in this area and ensure the safety of the many officers and volunteers that serve and protect the community in addition to the benefits of improved cellphone coverage for the community.

For years, the community at large has struggled with extremely poor cellular service throughout this area. We remain concerned that it is only a matter of time until the lack of cellular coverage has a direct and negative impact on an emergency response. As we all become ever-more reliant on cellular service, we believe that the risks associated with remaining without cellular service far outweigh many other considerations.

In addition, the poor cellphone coverage that renders our cell phones useless, also keeps us from utilizing new cutting-edge mobile app technology that assists first responders both to communicate and provide care. Without cellphone coverage, this is often only accomplished with significant delay as we search for a landline telephone or more powerful radio.

As a matter of public and officer safety, it would be strongly recommended to place a new cell tower at this location at Granite Springs Road and to support the Fire District mission to protect the community as well as the many officers and volunteers that serve it.

Sincerely,

Jeanmarie Klaus Secretary/Treasurer