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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed cell phone tower by Telespan Communications. I am Mark Rapelje. I and my wife own the property at 15400 Hwy 1, Manchester, CA.

At this time we are not residents of California. Instead we are visitors to the California Coast multiple times a year. Each trip last at least 8 weeks.

During our visits to Irish Beach/Manchester area we have experienced many days of total lose of cell service. When we do have service it is so weak the calls were always dropping.

We have purchased a WeBoost cell single booster. In 3 occasions we have assisted with seal rescues. Each time the Rescuers Phones lost service just before Manchester.

On 2 of those occasions they used our WeBoost signal to relay critical information to their team members.

We have exchanged phone numbers. On one occasion they called asking about our availability. We could not because we were on the Lost Coast. Yes, we had cell service in that remote area.

The lack of cell phone reception, which presents significant challenges, especially during human and wildlife emergencies. Reliable cell coverage is not just a convenience; it is a critical necessity for ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents, wildlife and visitors, particularly along this remote stretch of Highway 1.

I urge the Commission to approve this project, as it will greatly enhance the quality of life in the community, visitors, improve emergency response capabilities, and provide much-needed connectivity in an area that has long been underserved.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Your consideration and support for this project are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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CA property owner

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Sent from my iPhone