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## Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed cell phone tower by Telespan Communications. My name is Karla Simmons, and my husband, Mel Kimsey, and I reside at 15020 South Hwy 1 in Manchester, CA. We are residents of Irish Beach/Manchester, and can personally attest to the challenges our community faces due to the lack of reliable cell phone coverage in the area. Reliable cellular connectivity is especially important for those of us who are seniors, as we both are.

Currently, we experience little to no cell phone reception. This presents significant challenges, especially during emergencies. Reliable cell coverage is not just a convenience, but a critical necessity for ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors, particularly along our remote stretch of Highway 1.

I urge the Commission to approve this project, as it will greatly enhance the quality of life in our community, 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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