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Subject: Support for Telespan Communications' Cell Tower Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed cell phone tower by Telespan Communications. My name is Laura Erwin, and I reside at 44801 Pomo Lake Drive, Manchester, CA. As a resident of Irish Beach/Manchester, I can personally attest to the challenges our community faces due to the lack of reliable cell phone coverage in the area.

Currently, we experience little to no cell phone reception, which presents significant challenges, especially during emergencies. I drive a school bus for our local elementary school. One day I noticed a vehicle that driven through a fence on HWY 1. I can see that the passengers were ok, but vehicle was tangled up on fencing. I pulled over to call 911 and couldn't get any cell reception. Tried again at two more stops and fin ally got service at the school. Scary not to be able to reach 911 when needed! Reliable cell coverage is not just a convenience; it is 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,

~Laura Erwin 44801 Pomo Lake Drive Manchester, CA 95459