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[MPC Comment] Support to locate cell tower at 2119 Ridgecrest Drive – 5-B-15-UR

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I have lived in the Martha Berry neighborhood in Fountain City since 1959. I was raised running these woods. I, more than anyone else, want to preserve the beauty of this area that I call home.

Today, I come to you seeking your approval for Branch Towers to build a cell tower in my neighborhood and on my land at 2119 Ridgecrest Drive. My husband and I bought this property in October of 1983 as a nest egg with the idea of having a place where our children could build and raise their families. Children grow up and move away, spouses die, cancer strikes, then plans and priorities change.

Over the past few years, I have been approached by several developers who clearly would have cut down the woods and built homes, but I have resisted that mainly because I know how much my neighbors and I have enjoyed the views of the forest, and want to stay in my home. The ability to put the cell tower in among the trees and still keep the view of the woods has a much greater appeal to me and I would hope to my neighbors.

Now as a 63-year-old widow and cancer fighter, my land is the most viable resource that I have and one I feel I should be able to use to continue to stay in my home and to help the community get better phone service. The offer by Branch Towers to lease a small portion of my land for a cell tower for this area allows me to remain in my home, preserve the beauty of the area that is so precious to me and my family, and subsidize the little income I bring in since my husband's death.

I completely understand my neighbors' position. No one likes change, but cell phones have become an important part of our society and the cell towers go along with it. My six-acre parcel of land is large and has a lot of tall trees, many ranging from 70 to 100 feet in height. I would think this would be a good spot for this tower, and the impact it will bring will be much more positive than negative. Because of this, I ask you to please approve Branch Towers' request to build this tower.

Thank you,

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