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Subject: Towers

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly,

In the matter of Cell Towers in Petersburg I want to strongly urge you to listen to the input of community member Harvey Gilliland. Mr. Gilliland's knowledge and expertise in radio communications spans decades, longer than many of us have been alive. He has willingly shared first hand knowledge of the workings and effects of Radio Frequency communication.

When I was about 19 years old, while employed by Petersburg Indian Association I had the privilege of getting to sit down with Mr. Gilliland and my then supervisor Will Ware, who interviewed Mr. Gilliland. I wish I could remember more of the conversation as I had no idea that 20 years later I would be grateful that Mr. Gilliland would still be here, willing and able to share his extensive knowledge of and advice pertaining to RF communications.

At that time I mostly recall them talking about the White Alice Site. However, what I do remember clearly is that his extensive knowledge and professionalism caught my attention and 20+ years later, in this time of mixed views on RF's and EMF's I would without hesitation heed his advice above the outdated "guidelines" of the FCC or the push of 50 million dollars.

The towers that are being erected and towers that are planned are not the least intrusive means of providing communication access or coverage to the public. As you know, they propose many hazards, are a visual eyesore and will devalue adjacent property.

I believe using cell towers as a means to expand broadband access and coverage is not the most efficient or technologically up to date way to achieve their mission in our unique setting.

Our community is not in a time crunch, I want our community members and Assembly to work together to have a cohesive plan for the future of our community and ordinance language in place that represents the will of the people and protects their interests when it comes to technology, data, and access to it. Then we can work more effectively with Tidal Network to achieve connectivity for those who want it.

I believe we need to have a real community work session, where all are willing to investigate new ideas and create more options. Please take the con. and let our community steer our own course in the matter of towers.

Respectfully,

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