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Dear Chairman Haschak and Supervisors,

I have lived on Pine Mountain for the past 27 years. Our family chose to purchase AT&T cellphone service many years ago because it worked best at our mountaintop home. I can continue a phone conversation or tune into the web while I am driving up and down Pine Mountain. AT&T claims, in their "Major Use Permit U_2019-0011 - Nixon" that there is no cell or internet service on Pine Mountain, and it is a "*dead zone*" from *ALL SERVICE* and that is why they need to put the cell tower on the mountain using Federal *Connect America Fund* CAFII Grant Funds, which cannot be used if there is overlapping service by competing carriers.

But our family has been paying AT&T for the cell service we use daily. Either AT&T is not telling you the truth, or it's me. And I promise you, I am telling you the truth. *Pine Mountain is NOT A DEAD ZONE*. I invite any of you Supervisors up to Pine Mountain, and bring your cellphone, and see for yourself if you get service, from AT&T, Verizon and/or U.S. Cellular. Is it legal for you to approve a project when you know it is based on known untruths and misinformation, including the use of Federal Grant Funds based on untrue claims?

On our mountaintop, our family runs an international agriculture research station and school. We regularly hold Zoom courses for students worldwide, sometimes for 9 hours a day. Other Pine Mountain neighbors also do their remote schoolwork and run their businesses from their Pine Mountain homes, using services purchased from AT&T, Verizon, U.S. Cellular, Willits Online and Via Sat. Pine Mountain is obviously NOT A DEAD ZONE.

This is but one of MANY examples of the misinformation that is the basis of the Major Use Permit U_2019-0011 - Nixon. It is unethical at least, and certainly of questionable legality, for you to approve a project that is based on, and full of, known and provable misinformation.

You deserve the truth. Our citizens deserve the truth. The Use Permit U_2019-0011 is a document based on misinformation and untruths, and as such, its approval must be overturned and denied.

Sincerely,

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