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Dear Sir,

My husband and I are writing to oppose the proposed the 100' cell tower by Atlas Tower LLC and Victor Strand to be located at 4140 Manastash Rd. We are property owners within 0.5 mile of this proposed cell tower. This cell tower was brought to our attention by "word of mouth" in our neighborhood, not by the county. Unsure why our neighborhood was not notified by Kittitas County directly. I have read all of the letters submitted to the county to-date and agree with those who also have commented.

Our objections are Location, Potential Health Concerns and Visual Aesthetics:

Location: This tower is proposed within agriculture zoning and has dozens of rural homes within one-half mile radius. I also wonder why this particular location is on the valley floor and not on a hillside. I do not wish any impacts to other Kittitas County citizens, but surely there must be a more appropriate areas where there are no people residing. My simple mind wonders if Atlas is "shopping" for any property owner to allow this on their parcel. Is it more about money?

Potential Health Concerns: I am not a doctor nor a scientist but I can read there are documented health issues that are potentially related to radio wave emissions. I see the application doesn't say that a monopole is a risk to health and safety, but they are not accepting the risk associated with the actual antennae(s) itself. We are seniors ourselves who are already health challenged and wish not to invite more risks. There are children in our neighborhood who just may be affected by potential health issues. I have lived long enough to understand that we once thought "boxed foods" were a fabulous convenience but now know they have caused a host of health issues in the human body. I sincerely hope that the county will do diligence to recognize the potential risks associated with placing a cell phone tower in this location.

Visual Aesthetics: We live, work and play within the beautiful Kittitas County, but to place a 100' cell phone tower smack dab in the middle of a rural residential location is crazy. I do not see any proposed camouflage. I do see a 6' tall chain link fence with barbed wire on top containing a 100' monopole for 1-4 cell phone carriers. Sigh, these are not redeeming qualities!

Thank you for your serious consideration to ours and others concerns on this application.

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