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To Whom It may concern,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposal by Atlas Tower and Victor Strand (land owner) for a 100ft cell phone tower that is planned for Parcel #818833, 4140 Manastash rd, Ellensburg WA.

As homeowner's that purchased land and live in this rural area, we vehemently oppose this request. This would create a major eye sore for many homeowners who have purposely chosen to live in a rural area.

To paraphrase the 2021 Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan, Section 8.4: Rural Lands:

\* 8.4.1: Kittitas County Residents, through an extensive public involvement process in 2012, provided descriptions of "rural" that they wished to preserve. Such descriptions include: "natural open spaces and streams", "mountain views", and "development away from urban areas." A 100ft cell tower is not conducive to this at all. This area is a ridgeline of the beautiful Manastash Ridge- the view that many of our homes were strategically placed to capture. A 100ft cell tower would mar this view. We are so shocked the county would even consider this location and grant a administrative Conditional use permit and allow this.

Historically, as many articles prove, homes near a cell phone tower experience a DECREASE in property values of 5% up to 30% decline.

Please see multiple supporting documentation article's below:

<https://www.emfanalysis.com/property-values-declining-cell-towers/>

Is the county going to be responsible for property devaluation of all surrounding homes? Is the county and/or Atlas Tower and Victor Strand prepared to compensate all surrounding homeowners for this loss?

Also, recent research is showing strong evidence that states exposure to a nearby cell phone tower can cause: altered brain activity, memory loss, fatigue, increased risk of cancer, heart disease and neurological symptoms.

Per Dr Richard Melnick, PhD, US National Toxicology Program, "We can no longer assume that any current or future wireless technology, including 5G, is safe without adequate testing".

To place a 100ft Cell phone tower in a rural/residential area is absolutely inappropriate. I feel if you polled surrounding landowners, you will find that most all will feel the same way.

We have elected you to represent us and to take into account what's

best for our community. Please reconsider approving this proposal.  
Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards,  
Shanna and Brad Ishler