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Dear LUPC Members,

Rangeley, Maine is a remote town with an international reputation for the best the outdoors has to offer. We cherish our natural resources for their beauty and their bounty; they provide our identity and economic lifeblood.

However, for all it provides, our natural remoteness can often be a disadvantage, and like other rural towns in Maine and across the country, we have been left behind by the digital revolution. That deficit has been intensely felt during the COVID-19 pandemic as business, education, and even public safety went virtual. Yet as disconnected as we are, the solution is at our front door.

Wireless Partners and its subsidiary, Rising Tide Towers, have developed 5G networks in Downeast Maine and Coos County, NH that subsequently provided fixed wireless internet, bringing next generation cellular and broadband capacity to some of the most underserved areas in New England. To my delight, they are poised to bring this capacity to the Rangeley region via their FirstNet partnership with AT&T.

We therefore write you to express our support for Rising Tide Towers' applications for FirstNet tower construction in Dallas Plantation. It is simply an opportunity our region cannot afford to pass up. The economic, educational, and public safety benefits of 5G, fixed wireless, and interoperability these towers will deliver to our region will improve lives while also saving them.

With your approval of the referenced application, we can reap the benefits now being enjoyed by our neighbors to the east and west, enabling us to connect to the 21st century while remaining rooted in our historical identity and preserving our natural resources.

Sincerely,



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Good afternoon Karen. As a lifelong resident of the Town of Rangeley, I am writing to support the construction of the proposed telecommunications tower in Dallas Plantation. While I am only one voice in this beautiful rural area, I would take this moment to encourage a progressive stance in the matters of cellular service, and 4g/5g connectivity. As the State of Maine is well aware, rural areas in New England and beyond have suffered from low data speeds, no data available, and large dead zones for phone calls. If we learned nothing else from COVID-19, it was that the ability to connect for health services, commerce, schools, and most of all, public safety. I was involved in a roundtable meeting with Congressman Golden in the late fall of 2019, and the one topic that dominated the discussion was, broadband technology. Congressman Golden and I discussed the importance of connectivity, particularly in relation to telehealth services. Approximately three months after that discussion, the world was closed, and nearly all aspects of life in the United States and beyond were conducted online. So as one voice from this region, I would ask you to encourage and give positive consideration to all matters involving telecommunications in Maine.

Respectfully,
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone