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TOWN OF SUTTON PLANNING BOARD & DEPARTMENT

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Grafton Planning Board

Regarding: **Cellco Application – 58 Follette Street**

Dear Board Members:

The Board would like to provide the following input for your consideration as you see fit.

On behalf of Sutton residents, we thank the Board for requiring a balloon test representing the location and overall height of the tower. In the past we have experienced issues with balloons achieving ultimate height and being able to stay aloft for any duration of time. If you encounter the same issues, we would request an alternate method, like a crane test, or extension from an existing tree be employed so the residents of the area have a reasonable period of time to view the test and an accurate representation of height to consider.

As you are aware there is a 20-year history with respect to the adjacent Forest Edge development and the related open space parcel in Grafton. Various events occurred and did not occur that left the Grafton open space unprotected. Our Board struggled with the request and decision to permit removal of the subject parcel from the original open space. Our staff is working again with Grafton's staff to assist with ensuring this open space ultimately achieves a State approved Conservation Restriction which will protect it to the greatest degree no matter who holds the title. To that end, if the project moves forward, perhaps the Board could impose a condition that the applicant fund the State Conservation Restriction work. Our Planning Director completed the process herself for the much smaller acreage in Sutton, and has shared that it is a very time consuming process.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our input. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning Office at (508) 865-8729.

Sincerely,

William Talcott, Chair
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cc: Applicant