

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Pim Volpi, and I live in Granville Vermont. I share a house with my friend Siobhan and the four, sometimes five children that live here. Unfortunately there is also an AT&T cell tower proposed in Granville: directly behind our house. We have objected. I'd like to share our concerns, and the way we were dealt with:

There is very little insight and research concerning the long-term harmful effects of living close to a cell tower. Until it is absolutely clear it is safe to live in the vicinity of a tower: we, our family, our neighbors should never be subjected to these risks.

The practices of AT&T are dishonest and deceptive. Their research and findings concerning the reach and improved reception of the Tower are manipulated. They are very different from our own research and findings.

The 'Balloon photographs' AT&T issues to show the height and impact of the tower on our environment are misleading. By not including the properties in those pictures it is very difficult to see how large this tower looms compared to our surroundings.

Our neighbor started Court proceedings to stop AT&T from building the tower. AT&T obstructed and undermined his case by continually complicating, delaying and extending the legal procedures - as to bleed him dry financially. So these are the people we are dealing with: deep-pocketed bullies, bulldozing us and with absolutely no concern for our valid . We should not allow these people in our community.

Protesting this tower, I felt the cards were stacked against us. It was impossible to get a fair hearing, even with our relevant points. The owner of the land the tower is supposed to be placed on will be paid handsomely, as is AT&T. The tower is directly behind our property but much farther away from where his house is. He is also on the Granville Select Board. Other Board members, and the Auditors are his friends. This is a backroom deal, with no concern for our wellbeing or right to an opinion.

This situation, the corruption, the greed, the intimidation: it has divided our community. I hope you do what is right and take the side of your fellow Vermonters.

Can I add how disturbing, idiotic and deeply unintelligent I find the comments made by Hunter Thompson of DPS - I think the people of Vermont deserve much better.

Thank you so much for your time,

P. Volpi.