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Hi Jeremy,

We have received your email below. Please note that your email will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as it relates to the public hearing of PA25-0072.

Thank you,

**Scarlet Duggan, Land Use Manager**  
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**Subject:** Letter of opposition to pelican hill cell towers Application Number PA25-0072

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Dear Ms. Duggan.

Please see attached letter in preparation for hearing December 4th.

Thank you

Jeremy S. Smith, M.D.

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November 27th, 2025

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Re: Application Number PA25-0072

To the Members of the Orange County Board Zoning Commission:

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal by Verizon and AT&T to install cell phone towers on the Pelican Hill property immediately adjacent to the Cameo Highlands community.

First, the proposed installation site is within 100 feet of a children's park. Placing industrial infrastructure of this nature so close to an area where young children regularly gather raises obvious concerns related to safety, environmental impact, and long-term community well-being.

Second, the towers constitute a significant fire hazard. As designed, they will house diesel fuel tanks and lithium-ion battery systems—both of which are well-documented fire risks. According to the Orange County Fire Authority, such installations require substantial clearance of vegetation around the structures. This requirement not only underscores the inherent risk, but it also alters the natural landscape and introduces further disruption to the community.

Third, the towers will produce a notable visual impact. The height and massing of the structures, paired with the artificial “mono-eucalyptus” disguises that commonly shed over time, will materially degrade the visual environment. This, in turn, will negatively affect property values throughout Cameo Highlands and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Finally, there are legitimate environmental concerns associated with the proposed faux-tree tower structures. The shedding of synthetic materials from the mono-eucalyptus coverings has been documented at other sites, introducing debris into nearby ecosystems and creating ongoing maintenance and environmental degradation issues.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to reject the proposed installation. The risks—to safety, fire resilience, environmental health, and property values—far outweigh any potential benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JSS".

Jeremy S. Smith, M.D.

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