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Dear Chief Technology Officer Fraser:

As the elected officials representing the neighborhoods located in Manhattan's Community Board 2 (CB2), we are writing regarding the proposed CityBridge installation of the Link 5G Towers in residential and landmark districts, more specifically, the plan for the West Village, Meatpacking District and SoHo neighborhoods. While we understand the importance of providing free WiFi and additional Link 5G Towers below 96th Street, we are particularly concerned about the placement of seven towers in a roughly ten block radius of the West Village.

Of the nine 5G Link Towers sited for the initial rollout, two locations are sited within the Greenwich Village Historic District: 820 Greenwich Ave and 771 Greenwich Avenue, two are located in the So-Ho-Cast Iron Historic District: 568 Broadway and 110 Prince, and two are located in the Gansevoort Market Historic District: 113 Horatio Street and 108 Gansevoort Street. While the other three locations are not in landmarked historic districts they are located in close proximity to individual landmarks.

Our constituents have expressed a number of concerns related to site selection and the lack of community outreach and engagement. Comments have ranged from aesthetics and design to vault damage and proximity to historic landmarks.

We are concerned about the lack of oversight and community engagement in the implementation of this 5G Tower program. We support the recommendations of CB2, the Manhattan Borough President and Village Preservation for a moratorium on installation of the towers within CB2's residential and landmarked historic districts until a strong community review process that includes more extensive public education and engagement is implemented.

We fully understand the need to advance our city's technology infrastructure and the vast potential for 5G infrastructure to provide internet accessibility to thousands of New Yorkers. However we believe that the needs of our residential communities must be considered before this program can continue and look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Thank you for your time and attention to this vital matter, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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