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December 10, 2008

Citizens for the Protection of Pleasant Valley
C/o: Eric Whinton, President

**Ref: Washington County, Maryland
Public Safety Communications Project**

Dear Mr. Whinton:

I am in receipt of your letter to the Board of County Commissioners for Washington County dated November 30, 2008.

There are a few inaccuracies in your letter that I wish to address:

1. In the second paragraph you make reference that you are "*aware of recent testing at this location (Keep Tryst Road at Sandy Hook Road) for additional cell communications*". The County has committed in writing to numerous agencies and publicly testified, that there will be no commercial cellular telephone communications equipment or antennas at this location. There has been no testing completed to expand commercial cellular telephone equipment at this site. The only testing that has taken place is that associated with the public safety radio and data communications equipment, which is not related to cellular telephone equipment.
2. In the third paragraph you indicate that you are "*troubled by reports from citizens that the County is refusing reasonable access to information and participation*". As a government entity, we are bound by the Freedom of Information Act, which not only require disclosure of certain public records but, prohibits us, subject to prosecution as a criminal act, to disclose other certain information that is considered personal or commercial proprietary information. Washington County has openly disclosed the information possible and remains in compliance with the law. If you have any questions regarding this issue, I recommend to contact our Office of the County Attorney for additional information.



Regarding your request to be specifically notified of all future tests, evaluations, and public discussions relating to the communications project; we have not developed a specific mailing list for notifications. We do have an email listing of those individuals who have submitted comments and will use that list as appropriate for dissemination of information. We will continue to make notifications through the media and public programs so that all public agencies, citizens and special interest groups receive the same information and in a timely manner.

Thank you for your correspondence. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Kroboth, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a circular flourish at the end.

Joseph Kroboth, III, PE, LS, M-ASCE
Director of Public Works

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