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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
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Dear Ms. Mitten:

I understand the D.C. Zoning Commission is considering changes that could potentially impact future wireless telephone service. I am writing to tell you why wireless service is so critical to the people served by Family and Child Services, Inc. (F&CS).

Family and Child Services, Inc. is the oldest, nationally accredited, social services organization in the greater Washington metropolitan area. We provide assistance to more than 10,000 individuals annually by protecting children at risk, strengthening troubled families and caring the vulnerable elderly.

F&CS works with the community on many different initiatives, but one of our most successful programs is directed towards domestic violence. We offer counseling to both victims of this insidious epidemic and their batterers. Last April, through sponsorship of Verizon Wireless, F&CS hosted a domestic violence symposium. The objective of the symposium was to help businesses develop domestic violence policies for the workplace.

Those affected by domestic violence all agree on one thing--a wireless phone is a lifeline. More than any other mobile phone users, these victims need to have complete confidence that their calls will go through. It's a safety net that cannot be overlooked.

Currently, there are areas around the nation's capital where wireless coverage is spotty at best. I believe we should be working to improve and strengthen wireless coverage, not diminish it. Our laws encourage cell phone coverage throughout the city. Please consider the needs of domestic violence victims as you weigh this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Charlotte L. McConnell

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Executive Director

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