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**Honorable Mayor Lance N. Millman and  
Members of the Village Board**

Village of Montebello  
One Montebello Road  
Montebello, NY 10901

RE: Homeland Towers, LLC  
350 Haverstraw Road, Village of Montebello, NY

Dear Honorable Mayor Millman and Members of the Village Board:

Trileaf Corporation represents Homeland Towers in connection with the environmental review of the above captioned property. Homeland Towers proposes to construct a monopine communications tower, including attachments. Associated equipment will be located within a 50-foot by 60-foot (3,000 square feet) fenced compound, with a 30-foot by 50-foot (1,500 square feet) gravel parking area. The project includes a 12-foot wide access and utility easement extending southeast away from the lease area approximately 30 feet towards an asphalt parking lot. Additionally, the project includes a 10-foot wide utility easement extending southeast away from the lease area approximately 375 feet towards Haverstraw Road. The proposed location is currently forested land.

The Timber Rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) was identified by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Mapper as having the potential to inhabit the project location. The Timber Rattlesnake is known to be found in deciduous forests and utilize rocky outcrops, ledges and talus slopes. Rocky areas are used for basking as well as habitat for denning in the winter. The proposed project location is currently consistent with potential habitat for Timber Rattlesnakes.

Based on potential habitat being present, Homeland Towers will implement Timber Rattlesnake protocol. This protocol includes: requiring training for all on-site contractors on how to identify the species as well as how to proceed if the species is observed; No construction contractors will be permitted to handle or harass the species and all construction will be put on hold if the species is observed; All required parties will be contacted if the species is observed; and Flyers with pictures of the species will be posted on site at all times. Any potential sightings and actions will be documented during construction.

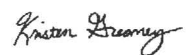
Additionally, per NYSDEC *Guidelines for Reviewing Projects for Potential Impacts to the Timber Rattlesnake, Exhibit DEC 1, Rev July 21, 2009*, mitigation for construction includes restrictions on land disturbance and work only occur between November 1st and March 31st. If work can only be completed between April 1st and October 31st, it is acceptable if there is a rattlesnake monitor on site, and the use of a temporary barrier and education/encounter plan is utilized.

The Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the Northern Long-Eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) were identified by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as having the potential to inhabit the project location. Homeland Towers will be instigating a voluntary time of year restriction by which tree clearing will only occur outside of bat pup season; from April 1 to September 30, on any given year, no tree clearing will occur.

It is Trileaf's opinion that if the Timber Rattlesnake protocol is followed, and the time of year restriction is followed, there will be no adverse impact to these species. Please call me at (410) 853-7128 or email

k.greaney@trileaf.com if you need any additional information or have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Kristen Greaney  
Senior Project Scientist

