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The Honorable Katcho Achadjian
Chair, Assembly Local Governments Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 29, 2013

Re: AB 162 (Holden) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood Assn.
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Lake Hollywood HOA
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Studio City Residents Assn.
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
Torreyson Flynn Assn.
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Assemblymembers Holden, Achadjian, Levine, and Bradford:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., representing 41 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains in Los Angeles, strongly opposes AB 162.

Communities in Los Angeles have worked long and hard to develop a comprehensive and fair policy for regulating cell towers. However, AB 162 seriously limits governments' ability to review collocation applications. There is no longer a requirement of proof of a gap in coverage. Aesthetics are no longer a consideration. Aesthetics are an important consideration in the hillsides of Los Angeles. Mulholland Drive has been designated a Scenic Corridor. It is so well known that tourists come from all over the world to see it and celebrated artist David Hockney has painted it. We have determined that cell towers are not appropriate in a scenic corridor.

As former Assemblymember and current Los Angeles City Councilmember, Paul Koretz, stated in a motion to City Council, "authority over land use planning and zoning laws is the most fundamental of local issues and the City must maintain the ability to make decisions that make sense for local communities and neighborhoods.... Opposition to AB 162...inasmuch as it undermines local land use control, and ultimately, the principle of home rule."

The Federation concurs with Councilmember Koretz and joins him in opposing AB 162.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

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