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Dear Neighbors,

We here in *Shacktown* deserve representation. We deserve to be protected by processes put into place by the City of Pittsfield to ensure the health, well-being and even property values of all of its citizens. We were not afforded that representation by city staff, our elected leaders, nor the appointed Zoning Board of Appeals in the permitting process for the cell tower, for which construction started in the early days of the pandemic shut down.

What is abundantly clear is that proper notification was not given to the abutters and that use of the address of 877 South St, while siting the tower a few feet from Alma Street was an act of deception by a well-heeled, powerful corporate giant against a small, working class neighborhood.

Thanks to the amazing advocacy work by a determined few, construction has been halted and our court case is pending. I am so grateful for their persistence.

I have confidence that the court will rule that the permitting process was flawed. At that point there will still be much work to do. If we can combine the key ingredients of staying well-informed, being strategic and taking action at the right time, I am further confident that together we can save our little piece of woods from development that only serves to harm our neighborhood.

I look forward to working with you all.

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