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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Illinois Conference Council leadership, to express our strong support for the installation of a cellular tower at Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center.

As a beloved and vital ministry of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, Tower Hill serves as a sacred space for spiritual formation, youth development, and community-building. Ensuring the safety and accessibility of all who attend is of paramount importance.

Currently, the lack of reliable cell service in and around Tower Hill poses a significant concern. In the event of a weather emergency, medical crisis, or other urgent situation, swift and clear communication is not a luxury—it is a necessity. Installing a cell tower would greatly enhance reception in the area and significantly improve the camp's ability to respond promptly to emergencies, while also ensuring that staff and visitors can stay connected with family and emergency services as needed.

In addition to safety, improved cell coverage would support the camp's operations, including coordination among staff, communication with parents and guardians, and program facilitation. This upgrade aligns with Tower Hill's commitment to hospitality, stewardship, and care for all who gather on its grounds.

We commend Tower Hill Camp's leadership for taking this proactive step and we urge local officials and stakeholders to approve and support the necessary efforts to install this vital infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

In faith and service,

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