

1 FULINWIDER: I am Maria Fulinwider. F-U-L--I-N-W-I-D-E-R, the  
2 way you feel when you eat too much and I live at 24768 Foothills Drive North in  
3 Golden. And I'm president of the PTA at Ralston Elementary School. This has  
4 been a very difficult speech for me to put together. I'm a parent of three  
5 children, two at Ralston, one at Bell Junior High and I'm a resident of Genesee.  
6 I cannot help but think of the tremendous impact that is already occurring, the  
7 super tower would have on our community and especially the children at  
8 Ralston. How can our community possibly feel our children are in a safe  
9 environment at Ralston when there are so many questions on health risks that  
10 are either very inconclusive or cannot be answered. We really don't know what  
11 the long term risks are, but the red flags are flying high. How can we as parents  
12 accept the increase to 1500 times the national median of electromagnetic  
13 radiation exposure and feel comfortable with our children being directly exposed  
14 6 to 8 hours per day. I find it hard to believe that any parent would find this  
15 acceptable for their children. I am sure every parent would agree that we owe  
16 our children safety and protection at any cost. With so many tragedies effecting  
17 our children today that are difficult to stop, the super tower the silent killer, but  
18 ultimately the violent killer is something we can stop. Doesn't it make sense to  
19 think about human life, which seems to be last on the list of priorities these days  
20 rather than how far technology will go and who or what makes money. It seems  
21 our priorities are getting more and more askew all the time. We need to get  
22 back to loving thy neighbor rather than our pockets. Yes, big business and  
23 technology are what the future is but why can't it be done with an honest deep

1 down feeling of what is really right here. There will always be something bigger,  
2 better and faster but does that mean that we have a king kong tower in five  
3 years, ten years? When will human life ever fit into the picture. You know  
4 there's a lot of mountains in Colorado and I am sure there's a place for a super  
5 tower. It's just not Lookout Mountain. I would be more than happy to help find  
6 that mountain, but really let's be honest here. We do have options so let's  
7 choose the one where questions don't have to be answered. Let's start thinking  
8 with our hearts not with just our heads. So, now we the parents of this  
9 community are looking to you, our Elected Officials, to make the right choice for  
10 our community and to be our childrens' guardian angels. Thank you.

11 HOLLOWAY: Now is it Karen?

12 CARNEY: Yes it is. Karen Barker.

13 BARKER: I am Karen Barker, the parent of a first grader at  
14 Ralston Elementary. I live at 2349 Bitterroot Lane. That is in Genesee. This  
15 also is a very, very difficult issue for me because not only am I a parent of a first  
16 grader but I am also a former television news broadcaster or reporter. I worked  
17 for Channel 4 and with Jim MacDermott to my left for whom I have the greatest  
18 respect. I specialize in covering educational issues and quite frankly never  
19 before have I come across an issue that has mobilized a school community  
20 outside of the tragedy in Columbine as this particular issue has done. Ralston  
21 and we parents have got a very major problem if this super tower is built. As  
22 you know this school is exemplary, in part because of the incredible community  
23 support that it receives. We believe that Ralston is the essence of what a