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To whom it may concern:

I serve as both Attorney and member at the law firm Allan N. Karlin & Associates PLLC located in Morgantown, WV. Our firm engaged Tower Engineering Company (“TEC”) in the days following the February 1, 2014 collapse of two cellular towers, including a 340’ guy tower, near Clarksburg, WV. Two tower workers and one fireman were tragically killed and others were seriously injured during the collapse of the two affected towers.

After learning about the accident while on vacation, TEC’s owner and chief engineer, Madison J. Batt PE SE, was initially hesitant to upset the potential future customer that owned the collapsed communication structure. However, Mr. Batt agreed to be retained and to visit the scene at the same time as other key parties and experts. To my surprise, he immediately diagnosed the core system failure while on scene. This finding ultimately proved responsible for bringing down both structures.

The results of computer modeling revealed evidence that the structural failure occurred when a non-qualified tower subcontractor removed multiple diagonal members without an engineering approved rigging plan, a safety frame in place, or replacing each member one for one. The effect created an “unbraced leg failure” across a significant portion of the zig-zag patterned structural system. All loss of life and property might have been avoided if an appropriate engineering plan had been prepared, qualified personnel deployed, and the owners had considered the range of risks.

By the time the case was resolved in 2018, Mr. Batt and I had developed a professional trust and admiration of one another. I remain impressed by both Mr. Batt’s skill and knowledge on the one hand and his concern about the case and my clients on the other. TEC’s decades of field experience in this niche industry proved instrumental in resolving this case.

I am happy to provide this testimonial concerning my own experience with Mr. Batt. Further, I highly recommend the TEC team to others who may need an expert for similarly complex, urgent, and impactful engineering forensics.

Sincerely,

Allan N. Karlin

About Allan N. Karlin & Associates PLLC, Attorneys at Law

The attorneys at Allan N. Karlin & Associates PLLC have over 40 years of experience representing their clients in state and federal courts. Lawyers at the firm are committed to the principle that every client deserves the same high quality, zealous representation that large defense firms offer to Corporate America.