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Dear Dr. Stuart,

This is to confirm my support for your proposal to erect a temporary air quality research tower at the location you suggest in Lick Creek Park. My understanding is that it will be dismantled at the end of the project in three or four years' time.

Part of our role in the parks field is to facilitate clean air and clean water. If your research indicates that we are subjected to unacceptable amounts of pollution from the Houston and Dallas areas, then the city can use those findings to take preventative measures.

I am usually uncomfortable about endorsing structures in parks because once precedents are established, they multiply, and the essence and ambiance of the park is lost. However, the temporary nature of the tower and the potential conservation gains that could accrue, offset my concerns in this case.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Crompton".

John L. Crompton
Distinguished Professor

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