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Southington Zoning Board Committee;

We are expressing our disapproval of having the lot (formerly hosting a Golf Range) on Welch Road and West St. changed from a Business Zone to an Industrial Zone. Due to safety reasons of disturbing the land there and the underground waterways that feed all of our well water to the neighborhood on Welch Rd., Westover Lane, Cloverdale Rd., and Norwood St. The people in these neighborhoods and myself didn't choose to live in a neighborhood that would be surrounded by factories. They choose this area because it was quiet and unique with the forest, wooded, grass land that surrounds our homes.

When we first moved here in 1988, 34 years ago, when we were meeting our new neighbors, it was brought to my attention that this entire neighborhood had their wells contaminated. The town had to provide bottled water for everyone. The State would test different neighbors wells to make sure the polluted wells were safe after awhile. They never found out to my knowledge who or what contaminated all of our wells. There are factories behind the road of Cloverdale, no one know for sure if they had anything to do with this. After hearing that and knowing I had small children I didn't want to take any chances on my family possibly drinking contaminated drinking water at any time. So we have had bottled water service every since. Because even after testing our water, you don't know when it could be contaminated. This neighborhood has seen a lot of people that have lived here for many years come down with Cancer. We don't know for sure if it had anything to do with our wells being contaminated or not. Our lot in the back and side was all forest land. You couldn't see any factories or parking lots, we had complete privacy. Then a few years ago, without notice, I see the two factories behind me had bull dozers come and take down  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the forest trees, they created a deep ravine on two sides of our property, which left us with a huge cliff and at the bottom of this ravine fills up with water. The back side of the ravine leads to their expanded parking lot. They took down beautiful trees that were there forever and we now have no privacy. We just see factories and a parking lot now. In 2020 when we had an evaluation done on our home, the inspector lowered our value of our home due to the factories now being so close to our home. She took off \$20,000!!!! Our neighborhood was also recently affected with the site that's located behind our properties that was allowed to burn garbage and turn it into energy. And, now we have the smell of stench whenever they're burning old food. The smell is so bad that it's so hard to stay out there that we can't swim, play or take the children outside when this is happening. Now, this is bringing down our home values as well.

Now, this factory wants to expand approximately 70,000 sq ft. to make an addition and bought this property without anyone's knowledge. If this goes through our entire neighborhood will be affected AGAIN with our house values going down even further. Then we also have the fact that our wells are fed by the underground waterways from the hill on Welch Road. If the town approves of this zoning change

and he builds and disturbs the land it will disturb the underground water ways that feed our wells. This neighborhood has many children playing and drinking the water. This can be a huge disaster for safety and all of health not to mention the decrease of our home values.

With all the large lots for sale on West Queen St., and many other sites that have no residential homes or wells to disturb and these areas are already zoned for Industrial, they should be considering over there instead of disturbing our once quiet neighborhood, again and again. This neighborhood has been hit hard several times, we need the Zoning Committee to look out for our best interest.

Our town is so over crowded with homes, we know the town collects more tax money from businesses and factories then residential homes but I hope you can put that aside and not grant this zoning change. Please think of our neighborhood's safety from higher traffic, pollution, very high possibility of well contamination and the noise pollution. All of these issues are for safety, health and will also bring down our home values. I also, URGE the Zoning Board Panel while reviewing this change, look at the past history of our wells in our neighborhood being contaminated, discussing this matter with DEEP, the State and the Health Dept and put themselves in our positions and would you want this factory literally in your back yard after years of living here and it was once a quiet neighborhood.

Thank you for your deep, serious consideration into this matter. We cannot take another hit in this neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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