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Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning
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I am respectfully writing in strong opposition to the Cashman/GFI proposed implementation of a "quarry" and/or "quarry-like" application that requires the process of blasting, crushing, removal of rock/earth in the middle of our town, Gales Ferry.

My specific concerns are:

- Our neighborhood's close proximity across from this applicant's property raises the very real concerns of damage to our health, property, and overall well-being from the potential impact of deadly silica dust, ground disturbance to foundations, excessive noise from blasting, crushing, and heavy equipment movement.
- This quarry or "quarry-like" application stands as a significant threat to the existing residents of Gales Ferry, with the potential of significant loss of property value of 20-30%. Summing all properties impacted equaling an estimate of several million dollars of loss at the minimum. It is expected that citizens will request property value reassessments, impacting property tax revenue, which will surely greatly outweigh any potential tax revenue from this proposed operation.
- **We are concerned that our soon to be born child will experience the first 10 years of her life being exposed to deadly dust and noise, and will not be able to play outside in our yard or ride a bike in our neighborhood.**
- We are concerned we will have to move out of our forever home that we built in this town to protect the health and well-being of our family. Potentially creating significant financial hardship and loss due to diminished property values, transactions costs, moving costs, and like-for-like replacement.
- We fear for the close proximity of our school system and all the children of this town being exposed to this health hazard.
- We are concerned of the added congestion to Rt. 12 and surrounding roads due to the proposed increase in heavy trucking.
- We are concerned that the town's Fire and Police depts, at the taxpayers' expense, will be unnecessarily burdened with this application proposed use of explosives, in close proximity to a chemical plant.
- We also note we were never notified by the applicant via mail, as an adjacent impacted neighborhood of the proposal.

We implore that the zoning and commission board defends the citizens of this town and up holds the zoning laws put in place to keep its citizens safe, prosperous, and healthy. We plea that any members of the commission that have a vested interest or benefit directly or indirectly from this application remove themselves from the approval process.

Zoning Laws and Standards of note (not all inclusive):

Special Permit – 11.3.4.C, 11.3.4.D, 11.3.4.E, 11.3.4.F

Site Development Standards: 9.1, 9.2.C.1, 9.2.C.4

Thank you for your time,

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