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**To:** Roxanne Maher; Town Council Group  
**Subject:** Support for an Ethics Commission and Appreciation for Black History Month Initiatives

Dear Members of the Ledyard Town Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of an Ethics Commission in Ledyard and to extend my appreciation for the town's efforts in recognizing Black History Month through events and the essay contest. As a longtime resident of Gales Ferry, a mother, and an active member of our community, I believe that both initiatives reflect our town's commitment to integrity, inclusivity, and progress.

The creation of an Ethics Commission is a necessary step to ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in our local government. Trust in our town's leadership is foundational to a thriving community, and having an independent body to oversee ethical concerns will only strengthen that trust. Establishing clear ethical guidelines and providing a system for addressing concerns in a fair, impartial manner benefits all residents, regardless of political affiliation. Our town's decisions impact our children, our neighborhoods, and our collective future—ensuring those decisions are made with integrity should be a priority for us all.

Additionally, I want to commend the Council and those involved in organizing Black History Month events and the essay contest. As a mother, I believe it is vital that my children, and all children in Ledyard, grow up in a community that values diversity, acknowledges history, and fosters a spirit of learning and understanding. These programs not only honor the contributions of Black Americans but

also encourage meaningful discussions and personal reflection that help bridge divides and create a more unified community.

I urge the Council to continue supporting initiatives that promote ethical governance and inclusivity. Ledyard is a wonderful place to live, and by committing to these values, we can ensure it remains a welcoming, fair, and forward-thinking community for all.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to making Ledyard the best it can be.

Sincerely,

**Alexa Shelton**

Gales Ferry resident