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To: Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission Members
From: Nora Taylor, 9 Partridge Hollow Road, Gales Ferry, CT 06335
Re: Special Permit Application for a 20,000 Square Foot Building to be built on the North Side of the 1737 and 1761 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT Property Currently Owned by Gales Ferry Intermodal, LLC / Cashman

Topic: 1) Marine Repair Maintenance Building Should be Relocated so it is not next to homes/residential area. 2) The proposed removal of the natural tree/brush area that has been in place for decades should not be removed. It would be the only source of a barrier between the properties close to the proposed maintenance facility.

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission:

My name is Nora Taylor. I live at 9 Partridge Hollow Road in Gales Ferry. I am a 35 year property owner in Gales Ferry. I have lived and raised my children in both Gales Ferry Village for many years and I currently live in a residential neighborhood south of the Village.

The current proposal by Cashman/GFI requesting a Special building Permit for business on the property, regarding the location of the proposed building, is concerning to me, for a few reasons. When I saw a slide rendering, presented by Dave Harned at the public hearing on April 13th, I was very surprised to see not only how close to a residents property line and other neighborhood homes, but how large and what type of work the building was being proposed for – A Marine Maintenance and Repair building where large marine use machinery will be brought to and repaired or maintained. Right next to, literally, a house and a neighborhood? Why put a noisy, probably odorous (exhaust from large moving vehicles, gas, oil, etc) and possibly dusty facility next to a house and neighborhood when there are many other acres on the property to build on?

Along with the proposed building, is *the intent to take down a decades old (60 years I believe) natural tree and brush barrier* that the former business owner, known to us as "The Quiet Neighbor," left in place. While there is a proposal on the table by Cashman/GFI to put a natural barrier in its place, it will be significantly less of a barrier compared to the established natural barrier that currently exists there.

At the very least, as the company has stated, they intend to build other larger warehouse buildings for businesses that have a need for storage space. *When building next to a house/neighborhood, taking into consideration the proximity of the building, doesn't it make more sense to have a storage-type building in that location vs. a building that will be frequently active and noisy and possibly odorous? Isn't there another piece of land on the property that would be more amenable to the residents, farther away from the neighborhood of River Drive?*

Thank you,

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