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Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners

Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning

Ledyard, CT.

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick,

I am respectfully writing in strong opposition to the Cashman/GFI proposed implementation of a quarry in the middle of our town, Gales Ferry.

I am very concerned that this is even being considered for a town that has neighborhoods, schools, churches and recreational areas within steps to the proposed site. How can our town in good faith allow this to go past anything other than a hard NO! Quality of life is why people settle and plant roots in Gales Ferry. The history, safety and quietness we have all grown to love. Allowing a corporation that is only looking to make a buck will destroy not only our town but jeopardize the health of our residents.

I understand that our town needs to advance and grow. This is not the way we do it. This tax money years and years down the road is not worth quality of life, risking our youth and damaging our town forever.

My family and I love to be outdoors. We also have family, friends and our own kids that attend the public schools here. It is our duty to protect them. To possibly consider allowing dangerous, cancer causing Silica dust to infiltrate our town is infuriating! This quarry will impact everyone in town not just those close to it. The dangerous dust, traffic, environmental impact should be a no brainer to deny the special application.

In closing I encourage our town to respectfully deny the permit for the proposed quarry. There are other ways for Cashman to utilize their property. Ways that don't harm and impact our daily lives. Residents should not have to live in fear.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter!

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