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Ledyard planning and zoning commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning
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Dear All Involved,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the GFI/ Cashman proposed implementation of a quarry slightly over 4,000 feet from my house in Gales Ferry.

As an Active Duty Sailor I have spent 19 years of my career moving around. This is our third time stationed here in CT. When we arrived back in July 2016 my wife was pregnant with our third child. We chose to build our forever home in Gales Ferry. We had friends who recommended the area for its quiet, safe nature, great schools and a good sense of community. This proposal threatens all of that!

While in the military these past 19 years I've been on several different fast attack submarines. As I'm sure you can imagine this life isn't easy on family life. Our family has planted roots here. My kids are immersed in the community via extracurricular activities and sports! My wife works part time at the High School. We love living here! The best things about our neighborhood are all the kids that are outside playing, our kind friendly neighbors and how quiet it is. However, the most important part is that it is safe from environmental toxins like Silica dust. My three kids attend each of the schools that are within a mile of this projected quarry. My house, their home to play outside is a little over 4,000 feet. The thought of exposing my kids to particles of silica dust for 10 years infuriates me.

I have sacrificed so much of my life protecting others at the expense of my family! It's time for our town to learn what it is like to protect its residents. Protect them from dangerous silica dust, plummeting property values, contaminants in the soils, noise pollution, hazards to our wildlife, daily commutes and the overall quality of life.

We want to encourage people to move to our town – this will do the complete opposite. The company proposing this can provide all the experts they want. The bottom line is they don't live here, they don't raise families here and this type of business venture does not belong here.

There is no way anyone would see this as a benefit to our town and that is why the regulations we have stop propositions like this. You know the regulations that protect all the above so I will not list them.

In closing when I leave my family to go protect yours I want to know my community has their best interest at heart. I would hate to uproot my family from the house we built but quality of life and the safety of my family is my number one priority and frankly it should be yours!

Sincerely,
MMNC Michael Houser