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December 5th, 2024  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Gales Ferry regarding the proposed quarry. As a parent, a professional Realtor, and a member of this community, I believe there are significant health, safety, and economic concerns that need to be addressed. After careful consideration, I see no positive aspects to this proposal.

### Health and Safety Concerns:

The foremost concern is the health and safety of our community, particularly our children. The risks associated with a quarry, especially the potential exposure to silica dust, are alarming. Silica dust has been scientifically proven to cause serious health issues, including respiratory diseases and cancers. The thought of this hazard being present so close to our schools and homes is deeply troubling. Is this what we want our children, educators, and families to be exposed to on a daily basis?

### Noise and Disruption:

Another critical concern is the noise and vibrations caused by the blasting associated with quarry operations. The constant disruption to the peace and tranquility of our neighborhoods would negatively impact the quality of life for all residents. No one should be subjected to daily disturbances from loud explosions and ground-shaking vibrations. This level of disruption is simply unacceptable for a residential area.

### Impact on Property Values:

Additionally, the proposed quarry has already begun to affect the local real estate market.

As a Realtor, I have witnessed firsthand how the mere consideration of the quarry has caused prospective buyers to reject properties in the area, including a listing of mine across the river from the projected quarry. Home values are expected to plummet, as many individuals and families are seeking to leave Gales Ferry due to this proposal. The long-term economic implications for homeowners are dire, and many in the community are already considering relocation.

### Conclusion:

In conclusion, I see no benefits to this proposal—only negative consequences that would harm our community. The potential risks to health, safety, and property values far outweigh any possible gain. It is crucial that the well-being of our residents be prioritized over financial interests.

I urge you to carefully reconsider this proposal and place the health, safety, and quality of life of our community above all else.

Sincerely,

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