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Anna, Please save the below email from Onorato as a public comment exhibit. TY.

Regards,

*Liz Burdick*

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Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners  
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning

**December 18, 2024**

**Subject: Strong Opposition to Cashman/GFI Quarry Proposal**

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed blasting activities in our area, particularly concerning the associated risks of silica dust and the potential impact on property values. Silica dust is a known hazardous material that can pose serious health risks, including respiratory issues and other long term health complications. The risk of silica dust becoming airborne during blasting operations raises significant concerns for the well-being of our residents, especially those with pre-existing health conditions. As a resident of Gales Ferry, I am worried about how blasting operations could not only jeopardize our health through increased silica exposure but also significantly affect the property values in our community. Studies have shown that nearby industrial activities, especially those that generate dust and noise, can lead to a decrease in property values. This is a matter of great concern for homeowners who have invested their savings into their properties.

I urge the Commission to consider the following points:

1. Health Risks: Silica dust is linked to silicosis, lung cancer and other serious respiratory diseases. It is crucial to assess how blasting activities may increase exposure levels in our community. Our community deserves to be protected from these hazards.
2. Environmental Impact: The dispersal of silica dust can adversely affect our local ecosystems, water quality, and air quality. Comprehensive environmental impact assessments should be conducted before any blasting permits are granted.
3. Impact on Property Values: Properties near blasting sites may experience decreased market values due to health concerns, noise and dust pollution. This could have long term financial implications for homeowners and the community as a whole.
4. Community Engagement: It is essential for residents to be informed and involved in the decision making process regarding blasting operations. Open dialogue will help ensure that our concerns are taken into account.
5. Regulatory Compliance: I urge the commission to ensure the proposal submitted comply with stringent local, state and federal regulations concerning silica dust and air quality. Proper monitoring and enforcement are crucial.

I appreciate your attention to these important issues and urge the commission to prioritize the health and property values of our community. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

**Joel Onorato**

Thanks,

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