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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 about the exposure of Silica dust and the serious health risks that come with exposure of this dust. As someone who has been personally impacted by a family member who has passed of lung cancer, I know firsthand the pain and struggle that comes from this. I never want to experience this again for a loved one or for me personally. With the quarry being so close to our home and for ten years of exposure, I fear for my health and the health of my family, pets, and neighbors. No one should live in fear in their own home or neighborhood.

We are also avid outdoors people who have put so much into enjoying our property in Gales Ferry. With the quarry, I know we will not be able to enjoy our home or be able to enjoy our community the same. The dust will settle on our property and surrounding area, which will in turn limit what we can do in fear of kicking this dust up or being exposed when we do simple things like mow, go for a walk, go for a run, ride our bikes, have a fire in the backyard, play sports or just simply sit on the front porch where we enjoy the fresh air.

The approval of this quarry will impact our daily lives and limit what we will be able to do outside from the silica dust to the noise or rattling of the blasting. We moved to Gales Ferry for the community. This community should be taken into consideration when making this decision. I respectfully request for the denial of the proposed quarry, so our lives are not disrupted, and the residents do not live in fear of their health daily.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

Ashley Wetherbee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Wetherbee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.