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To: Town Council Group
Subject: Ethics Commision

Ledyard Town Council,

As a current resident and taxpayer I am writing to voice my support for the formation of a Ledyard Ethics Commission.

I find it very concerning that Ledyard is one of the few towns that does not have this oversight committee. The objection over forming this committee by at least one standing member of the town council is also concerning. Simply having a code of ethics established with no board to administer is much like the example given of having laws but no police force. In my opinion there have been and are instances of poor judgement by town leaders in local matters and I believe the establishment of this commission will allow for complaints to be lodged, with pertinent facts supporting. I also agree this will go far in increasing trust between residents and Ledyard local government, something I believe is waning currently.

To that matter, while the draft I read is a very good start I would offer some changes if I may:

- Sec 2 - the follow sentence leaves some ambiguity as to what this could allow: "Specific portions of this Ordinance shall not be applicable if they conflict in whole or in part with any labor agreement, employment contract or state statute." It would be beneficial if some high -level examples could be provided
- Sec 4, subsection J & M - I would suggest any former member of town government be prohibited from representing any party seeking business with or in the town, or seeking employment

with that party for a term of three (3) years from their vacancy of their town position

- Any reference or suggestion, explicit or implied, to the mayor in office at the time having any control or oversight in the dealings of the Ethics Committee except for receiving reports of current status and/or findings

Thank you for your consideration,

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