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Land Use Department

Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339

Commissioners:

I have been a business and property owner in Ledyard for the past 30 years operating radio stations.

I believe that in any town that there should be a balance.

The proposal is at the former Dow Chemical Company will make use of the existing 850-foot pier on the Thames River and its deep-water channel.

The site has 165 acres zoned Industrial and they are only using 30 acres for this project. It will be a port to aide in the construction and maintenance of offshore wind and sustainable energy projects in our region, as well as other marine projects.

When I talk to young people in Ledyard, I often hear complaints about a lack of opportunity for employment in town. The proposal could bring in good construction jobs and would increase Ledyard's tax base, without overburdening our schools and other town resources.

When it comes to traffic, during the construction phase most of the ledge will be taken out by barge and used around the foundations of wind farms. The trucks that do go to the facility aren't going through neighborhoods, but are entering through State Route 12.

Finally, if this proposal is not approved, the site could be used for a different kind of industrial use that is more intensive than the current plan to use this property for warehouse space for maritime businesses.

I think that we need to find a balance and perhaps incorporate a neighborhood advisory panel to help communications. I also think we should welcome the Gales Ferry Intermodal facility; my research shows that they would be a good neighbor.

Sincerely,

John Fuller

President

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