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Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

Dear Members of the Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission,

I do not support the excavation of Mt. Decatur proposed by Cashman. I request that you deny the application.

I am deeply concerned that if this operation is approved, the community's quality of life and that of my own growing family's will be negatively impacted and that our property values will be lowered. I feel that the character of the immediate neighborhood will be permanently and irrevocably altered.

I cannot image the noise, vibration, pollution, dust and health concerns this five to ten year blasting and processing project will bring to the community. I am concerned about the effects of blasting and vibration on my home's foundation and well.

My biggest concern of all is that of the health, safety and wellness of my seventeen-month old son. What will he be breathing in for five to ten years during this operation? There are many studies about the negative impacts of living near quarries and connections to increased respiratory diseases and other health issues. My son will be exposed to this at a vulnerable developmental stage. Not only do we live close by, but he attends the Gales Ferry United Methodist Church Childcare Center full-time and this property abuts the operation. How frightening for these little ones to be right next door to explosive blasting when they are there to be in a safe, secure place to grow, learn, socialize and rest. I am deeply concerned for health and safety of all children in close proximity at local homes, daycare centers and schools.

Traffic will also increase and it is already busy enough whenever I need to take a left hand turn onto RT 12 from Whalehead Rd. where I reside.

There will be large environmental impacts when an entire 40 acre wooded, raised area is blasted and decimated over the course of five to ten years.

Lastly, Mt. Decatur will be permanently disfigured and forever altered. This site has historical significance that should be preserved and NOT destroyed.

If this project is approved, my family and I will seriously consider moving elsewhere. A disheartening and frustrating situation that I hope does not come to pass because it has been a pleasure living here since 2016. However, my concerns for the health and safety of my family will take precedence.

Respectfully submitted,

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