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Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission  
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
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Dear Members of the Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission,

I am writing to you again to implore you to DENY the special permit application requested by Cashman to create a quarry out of Mt. Decatur. This is a quarry, not an "excavation".

This application is dangerous to the health, safety and wellbeing of ALL nearby residents.

I want to remind you that abutting this project is the Gales Ferry United Methodist Church Childcare Center. This daycare facility cares for those **as young as 6 weeks of age** through preschool. My own son, now twenty months, has attended since he was three months old. He and his classmates are outside playing, learning and enjoying the beautiful grounds nearly EVERY DAY. I receive daily photo updates and notes and unless it is pouring rain, stormy or snowy, they are outside.

To propose such an operation abutting this property is honestly inconceivable and infuriating to me. The dangers of silica dust, fly rock, explosive blasting and vibration have NO place next to this facility or other nearby schools and residential homes. Children at such a vulnerable developmental age should NOT be subjected to the health and safety concerns that this project WILL bring if approved. These children will be breathing life threatening silica dust, be in the range of dangerous fly rock while playing outside, and be subjected to loud, disruptive and scary blasting, vibration and non-stop rock processing equipment. If this application is approved, this will NO LONGER be a safe, secure place for these little ones to grow, learn, socialize and rest.

On the next page, I have highlighted the grounds of the Gales Ferry United Methodist Church Childcare Center in red as a visual against Cashman's proposed quarry on the other side of the Eversource lines. The area circled in red comprises the outdoor areas the children use on a daily basis and the daycare facility.

Please protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all nearby children and residents. DENY this extremely detrimental and outrageous application. There is nothing to gain here and A LOT to lose. Including many of the reasons why my husband and I chose to live and grow our family in this safe, peaceful and quiet town. Do not make us endure this ten-year nightmare!

Respectfully submitted,

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