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I respectfully oppose the proposal by CashmanGFI to create a quarry essentially in the middle of our town, Gales Ferry. For the record my house is located about one mile from the proposed quarry and the quality of my life surely be affected..

A quarry is major industrial effort. Blasting will be a major source of sound pollution but more importantly will create particulate air pollution that really cannot be contained. If the quarry becomes operational, I will be exposed to airborne dust that could damage my lungs and will coat my house and windows reducing the value of my property. The rock that is mined in the quarry will have to be transported. While some will go by sea to customers, some will also be transported by land trucks. Increased truck traffic on route 12 will make entering and leaving the highway on local streets a dangerous situation; one that I am not eager to experience. I have no doubt that it will also affect parents and buses dropping off or picking up children from the two schools located a mile or so from the quarry site on route 12.

Some argue that the town will receive compensation from CashmanGFI and so the downside effects should be ignored in order to keep taxes down. Estimates are that the compensation is less than \$100,000, the equivalent of the property taxes on 10 to 15 houses or the cost of educating about 12 school children. No one is raising the issue of what are the hidden costs of operating the quarry. How many people will suffer lung damages? How many properties will decline in value and what is the total cost estimate for all properties affected? What is the potential cost of increased travel time on route 12, not to mention the potential for increased accidents.

I repeat my initial statement, I respectfully oppose the quarry proposal by CashmanGFI.

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