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Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning
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Subject: Vehement Opposition to Cashman/GFI Quarry Proposal

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick,

I am appalled that a proposal of this nature – one so antithetical to the well-being of Gales Ferry – has advanced to this stage. It is inconceivable that a project which threatens the health, safety, and property of this community would be given serious consideration.

Blasting operations, dust clouds laden with silica, and relentless noise are not inconveniences; they are assaults on public health and quality of life. Gales Ferry is not some industrial wasteland to be exploited. It is a village of families, schools, and homes, all of which will suffer under this reckless endeavor.

The very idea that Mount Decatur – a historic landmark and natural treasure – could be blasted apart for profit is both shameful and offensive. This is not development; it is desecration.

Commissioners, your role is clear: to safeguard the town's welfare. This proposal runs counter to every applicable zoning regulation, from health and safety standards to environmental preservation and community impact. To allow such harm would not only betray your responsibility but would stain the town's reputation forever.

This quarry must be rejected. Gales Ferry deserves your protection – not abandonment.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Peterson