

## Anna Wynn

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**From:** Michele Solarek <solarshell8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2024 4:14 PM  
**To:** Anna Wynn  
**Subject:** Mt. Decatur

I am writing this email because I have not been able to attend any in person meetings due to a long term injury.

I am VERY concerned about the proposal to blow up Mt. Decatur to create a quarry. If you don't know already, silica dust can be created from the crushing and/or cutting of materials on the site. Health experts have determined that crystalline silica dust can cause silicosis. Dust enters the lungs and causes the formation of scar tissue, reducing the lungs' ability to take in oxygen. There is no cure for silicosis, and since it affects lung function, it makes a sufferer susceptible to infections such as tuberculosis.

Mt. Decatur is also home to all kinds of wildlife, including bald eagles, not to mention the aquatic life in the Thames River. The proposal will result in their homes being destroyed and possibly even some of the wildlife.

What about all of the noise it will generate? Does the town anticipate instituting a noise ordinance to enforce noise levels? If not, then you are letting residents know that you don't care about noise and that all residents and businesses can make all the noise they want no matter the time of day.

What about all of the traffic this will generate on an already busy Route 12? Do you plan on hiring more police and other first responders to enforce the many more traffic accidents that will happen? How can I be assured that my taxes won't increase even with the new taxes generated from this business? After all you will need more town services. And you thought you had troubles when Foxwoods was built? With the increase in properties being built at Mashantucket are you also increasing hiring in town for this too? That's a lot more first responders. All I see is expenses as a result of Cashman coming to town, not savings or benefits.

You should be alarmed by all of this!! My husband and I are considering leaving Ledyard because of this proposal, and I have already spread the word at our places of work, which both employ thousands of employees (including new folks moving to this area), letting them know that Ledyard is not the family town in which you want to raise a family or live in. Maybe this is your plan all along? You don't want residents in town, only businesses. After all, people are expensive and businesses are income-generating.

To allow such a proposal only for the sake of taxes is ridiculous. How could you possibly think the company is being honest about any possible precautions they claim will prevent the above results I have described? Businesses are only in business for money and since Cashman isn't even from Connecticut, what makes you think they even care about this area? You are being deceived by their presentations and lies.

I understand towns need additional taxes due to the rising cost of everything, but come on now, there must be some other proposals that could be considered at the site that would not damage and destroy our town.

PLEASE RECONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL FROM CASHMAN!!! This will not benefit Ledyard AT ALL!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please think about the town and its residents (both young and old) before voting on such proposal.

Michele Solarek