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Ms Burdick and committee members,

I am writing in support of the re-establishment and empowerment of village districts within the town of Ledyard. As a homeowner in the Gales Ferry village it is clear to me that the central character of this town, its charm and its strength, is in its historically significant villages.

While the financial health and governmental needs of the entire town must remain central to planning, the villages of Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry are distinct and different. Each has its unique flavor and its own community. Each contributes to the overall attractiveness of the town, to its life and its history. Each therefore has different strengths, needs, and challenges. To leverage these strengths, plans should be made for each that take into account the wants and needs of those who live and work in each.

That which works for the top of the hill may not be equally appropriate for the river valley. Any broad plans for development that do not take village character into account may well end up destroying what we hoped to build in the first place: a healthier and wealthier town.

Yours truly,

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