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Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Anna Wynn
Subject: FW: Letter of Concern - Cashman/ GFI Quarry Project - Gales Ferry

Anna, Please save as a public comment exhibit. TY.

Regards,

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Ledyard, December 5th 2024

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Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use and Planning
Ledyard, CT

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick,

I am writing as an involved and concerned member of the Gales Ferry/ Ledyard community regarding the proposed Cashman/ GFI quarry project under consideration by the Commissioners and Ms. Burdick.

As a property owner, environmental and social advocate as well as a mother of children, two of which currently attend Ledyard Middle School, I believe that this project, if approved, could have significant and lasting impacts on our environment, public health, and quality of life, and I strongly agree that these factors deserve a thorough, transparent evaluation.

One of my primary concerns lies with the environmental consequences of the quarry's operation. The extreme proximity of the proposed site to Gales Ferry and Ledyard (predominantly residential towns), a cluster of Gales Ferry Schools (Juliet Long Elementary School and Ledyard Middle School) , Thames River as well as wetlands and so forth, raises important questions about the long-term sustainability of these ecosystems and suburban living areas. I am certain that the Commissioners

and Ms. Burdick are ensuring that Cashman GFI team is providing detailed EIS/ EIA addressing Wildlife Habitat, Water and Air Quality.

Equally concerning are the health and safety risks that the quarry will pose to all of us. Noise, silica dust, increased traffic patterns will become more than minor inconveniences. Likewise, I am certain that the Commissioners and Ms. Burdick are ensuring that Cashman GFI team is providing detailed Noise study and Traffic Impact Study as well.

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better!” Dr. Maya Angelou

In the last 20 years several East Coast towns have had inadequate evaluations on quarry projects that led, inevitably, to a detrimental and catastrophic impact to their communities. Impacts that we are now aware and mindful of not seeing mirrored in our community.

To name a few we have the case of the **Cedar Mountain Quarry** located in Sussex County, New Jersey; the **Tilcon Quarry** in **Plainfield**, New Jersey; the **Vulcan Materials Quarry** in **Charlottesville**, Virginia; the **Rock of Ages Quarry** in Barre, Vermont.

Do we know better?

The decisions that lead to our town’s growth and development are an important factor with long-term consequences. While I recognize the limited economic importance of quarry operations, it is crucial to balance it with environmental stewardship and the health and well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your attention, consideration and time to these matters. I look forward to seeing a thoughtful, balanced decision that reflects the needs and concerns of the entire Gales Ferry/ Ledyard community.

Sincerely,

Isabel Da Silva Sturtz