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To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Good Evening,

I am writing this email because I am totally against the rezoning. The rezoning will have a lot of negative effects on my family's life. I am a property owner that shares a boundary line with the property that is requesting to be rezoned to public. Because of that, it is not something that I can ignore.

The building is not there as yet and it is already affecting my mental health. It has been affecting me from the day that I received the certified mail. The more information that I receive about the proposed plans for that property is the more it affects my mental health. I love the peacefulness of my neighborhood. That is one of the reasons I selected my neighborhood. When I received the details about the plans, I instantly started to worry about maintaining the tranquillity of my neighborhood. I really do not want a building of that magnitude hovering over me. I do not want anything to disturb my peace. In life, there are a lot of obstacles. However, your home is supposed to be your haven where you feel the most comfortable.

My journey to become a homeowner was very challenging. It was a very hard goal to accomplish, and I had to go through a lot of obstacles to make it happen. On my closing day, I felt accomplished and proud to know that I was able to own a property in Hermon Hill. Being a property owner is also an investment, it is an emotional and financial investment for your family. I am emotionally invested and attached to my home. It is my first home, and I would love to give it to one of my children someday. It is my hope that it will become one of children's home and he or she will love it as much as I do. I have invested a lot financially into my home as well. I made the investments because I was under the impression it would be worth the investment. I am not sure if this property will still worth the financial investment and scarifies that I have made after the rezoning. To be honest, I would not have even purchase my property if that building was there first.

By rezoning this property, you will be turning my house and backyard to a public domain. The building is gigantic. Anyone in that building will be able to see and hear my family's daily activities. I know they will be able to see and hear me because I can see and hear them. When they were clearing the property, I was inside my bathroom. I turned my head to see what was causing the noise. I could have seen and hear the activity on the property. Imagine, I can see activity on their property from the smallest window in my house so imagine how much they will be able to see and hear from their office windows. I will be subjected to 330 pair of eyes. I feel that is unfair to me and my family. I do not want to live in a fishbowl.

When my house was building, I lived next to a construction site in Anna's hope. That was a very horrible situation for my family. Since then, I had a child that has allergies. I had to purchase an air purifier to help him. The air purifier would not be as helpful with construction dust and debris. I am already taking him to the doctor often to help with his allergies. I can't imagine what life would be like when I must deal with construction as well.

There will also be more traffic in the neighborhood. It has people that walk on the roads to exercise. There are people that park on the road due to limited parking. If there is an accident, construction or delays on the main road, it is harder to get in and out our neighborhood. There is also certain peek time that the road is hectic.

Lastly, there is a declaration recorded August 27, 2008, establishing restrictive convents that states that property should be residential. It also states the permitted structures. It is my understanding that the property is no longer grandfathered. Therefore, it should be required to follow the Homeowners Associations restrictions. The VIHFA and the HO associations have certain guidelines that I have to follow as a homeowner. I do not believe the government is above the law. They should be required to follow the rules for the neighborhood as well.

I believe the government should find an alternative location that might better be suited for the EOC and I propose this to them. It doesn't make sense to have an EOC in the middle of a neighborhood. It should be some place that is easily accessible. This EOC is will be crippling the neighborhood.

I also share other concerns that is submitted in a petition. Also, please find attached my questions as well.

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