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[Planning Commission Comment] Cate Rd community input re: 7-L-19-RZ file

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Good afternoon,

Attached to this email I hope you will find a short letter detailing our community's concerns specific to rezoning application 7-L-19-RZ, dated for review at the August 8th meeting. Members of our community plan to attend the August 8th meeting, and this correspondence is meant to introduce our perspective.

Thank you so kindly,

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To:
Knox County Planning Commission

Re:
Case 7-L-19-RZ (Cate Rd rezoning request)

Dear Commissioners,

I author this letter on behalf of the undersigned residents along the Cate Rd corridor. We have collectively discussed the application to rezone 0 Cate Rd, and feel the planning commission cannot make a fair decision without consideration of the concerns hosted by persons in the vicinity most impacted by the rezoning. As a neighborhood, our feelings regarding the rezoning and subsequent development at 0 Cate Rd are as follows:

1. Neighborhood incongruence

As stated in the rezoning report, the Cate Rd corridor is primarily single family residential and rural residential. Rezoning to accommodate duplex development would be both incongruent with the large majority of established housing within our neighborhood and inconsistent with the desires of our community.

2. Traffic volume and safety

The rezoning report fails to consider the impact to local traffic this development will produce. Additionally, our neighborhood is concerned that Cate Road traffic calculations may be falsely low as the road takes in considerable traffic volume from Anderson county to the north. We feel strongly that rezoning cannot proceed without an accurate assessment of traffic impact as it pertains to resident safety, vehicle volume, and road wear.

3. Neighborhood input

At present we are unaware of what community consultation occurred prior to the application for rezoning being submitted to Knox county. Securing the long-term strength of Knox county neighborhoods requires neighborhood input as fundamental to success, as neighborhood longevity is not a byproduct of one homeowner but the collective efforts of all vested interests.

By **rejecting** rezoning application 7-L-19-RZ, the Knox County Planning Commission would:

- reinforce its mission and duty to act in the best interest of existing Knox County neighborhoods
- acknowledge that insufficient data presently exists (e.g., traffic) to allow any rezoning to proceed
- encourage developers to collaboratively plan new sites with neighborhood stakeholders

In summary, the undersigned Cate Road homeowners request the Knox County Planning Commission to **reject** rezoning application 7-L-19-RZ.

Respectfully,

Jason Kiernan and Family, 6112 Cate Rd

Co-petitioners:

The Lewis Family, 6125 Cate Rd

The Burley Family, 6124 Cateland Lane

The Jaynes Family, 6106 Cate Rd

The Wease Family, 6110 Cate Rd

The Lowery Family, 6114 Cate Rd

The Monday Family, 6109 Cate Rd

The Hurst Family, 6107 Cate Rd