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To whom it may concern regarding case 9-A-20-RZ,

There is no reason to think a home for men with addiction problems or mental health issues is appropriate for Zion Lane. The area of Ball Road where this facility will be located is a well populated area consisting of single family homes with bus stops and schools nearby. While the site for the home is indeed down a narrow and secluded road, out of sight does not equal piece of mind. If this is indeed to be an unsecured facility run as a sort of half-way house, then putting it at the end of a dirt road does nothing for the safety of the surrounding families. In fact, such seclusion removes the facility from the watchful eyes of the community, taking away one this area's greatest resources: watchful and helpful neighbors.

I will quote what I believe to be some very salient points from a past objection to a previous attempt at a facility at the same location: "We ask that you respectfully Deny this request again as this is still a very heavy residential area located:

.03 miles near Webb Learning Center

.055 miles near Grace Christian Academy

1.06 miles near Amherst Elementary school

1.85 miles near Karns Middle School"

"We ask that you Deny this request because it is not a true licensed medical facility with a fully trained and licensed staff for addiction and psychological disorders"

"This proposed site DOES NOT have access to sidewalks or public transportation to aid in their successful rehabilitation into society."

"Most addicts have multiple addictions or end up replacing one addiction with another. These facilities are happy to take them in and even with no licensed doctors, nurses or psychologist yet they receive grant money from the federal and state governments for every bed they fill (no one is turned away). Addicts skirt away from the law and check into these facilities to evade law enforcement and due to HIPPA laws these facilities cannot share who is in their facilities. They have visitors who they manipulate to bring them drugs and many of them owe money to individuals that will come to collect with no regard to the families or individuals in the nearby or surrounding areas."

While there may indeed be a need for this facility, this is not the proper location. The safety of the surrounding schools and families must take precedent is a situation such as this.