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We, Mike and Janice Ford, have lived on Ensley Drive, off Highland View Dr, in the Dry Hollow Community for over 30 years. We take pride in our home, yard, neighborhood, and community. We know and care for our neighbors. We are the true definition of "community." We do business in our community, attend church here, see medical professionals in the South Knoxville and Seymour area. We vote here and pay taxes here. We have seen children grow up on Ensley, marry and return to this area to raise their families in the same area. Generations have loved this area and still do.

We OPPOSE the rezoning efforts and the additions of additional zero- lot- line subdivisions! We OPPOSE the changes to our neighborhoods and in the Dry Hollow Community.

1. With the proposed developments already in play by TMD, there will be an ADDITIONAL estimated 7,000 vehicle trips per day on Chapman Hwy from the Sevier County line to and from Knoxville. Chapman Highway is a thoroughfare to the Great Smoky Mountains, and is already a busy highway for campers and RVs. The highway is dangerous now, and significantly increasing population will make travel more dangerous.
2. The construction on Chapman Highway has already displaced some homes and businesses. We don't want more.
3. Our children attended New Hopewell Elementary. Our daughter now teaches there and our grandchildren attend this wonderful school. The school now has 4 portables for overcrowding conditions. More portables are needed. We were told this year that we could have the portable building from Hardin Valley when they are finished. Really? That did nothing to help with the extreme overcrowding now. The rezoning and more subdivisions will add more issues for schools in South Knoxville that currently have no room for children!
4. Developers and county government will not give the community the BIG PICTURE... We do not know what is planned now or 5 or 10 years from now because no one is telling us. THE COMMUNITY HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW! What is the overall purpose? How do the proposed developments benefit taxpayers and homeowners in the area? We are tax payers, and we vote here.
5. Knox Chapman Utility District has been asked to give plans for a new and larger sewer system which will cost several million dollars. The system we have in the area now is large enough to handle the current need and large enough to handle proposed future growth (but not with the proposed developments). We do not want a new sewer system that benefits ONE DEVELOPER and not the homeowners. We do not want our tax dollars to pay for a new sewage system.
6. We care about our wildlife that is being displaced by massive land clearing. Their homes are being leveled.
7. We care about potential flooding due to valuable trees being destroyed. Our community likes the rural area we live in. We OPPOSE the rezoning!!!
8. We care about Emergency Room service and response time for our neighborhoods. "They" may tell us we now have an emergency provider in South Knoxville... the new Covenant facility. WRONG! We just learned that facility is not an emergency service. Patients are being told by the physician that many

people in South Knoxville have been led to believe the new facility is an ER, and he often must send them on to hospital ER. Why are we in South Knoxville not being told the truth???

9. We are concerned that our own property value will decrease with all these proposed developments that are not consistent with neighboring houses which average 1 acre per dwelling. Often the owners of these new subdivisions plan to move on to different housing situations and they do not take pride in their homes, much less the community or neighborhood. We OPPOSE the rezoning and want to retain our Dry Hollow Community as it is.