

To Whom it may concern: I am extremely concerned about the Advance Knox plan. As a registered nurse here in Knox Co, please let me warn you all that our doctor's offices, hospitals, ER's, walk-clinics and pharmacies are simply not able to handle the influx of new patients. It is dangerously naive to believe there are enough providers and staff to handle anything more than the already burdened system is handling now. It's going to break the dam despite what any CEO or manager tells you. We CANNOT be burdened with more patients. Not only are our medical systems drowning, our infrastructure is drowning. I'm suffocating in my area and the traffic congestion is getting worse by the week. I ride a motorcycle as a relaxing hobby and I'm beyond terrified to even ride around the area anymore because of not only the traffic but because our secondary and tertiary roads are in such poor condition. I feel like I live in a third world country. I said I'm suffocating and that is a fact. Our quiet communities are consumed with noise and traffic. How can our fire department and police department and EMS take on more than they already are? They can't. I smell an increase in taxes coming and if so, that will only hurt those of us feeling the effects of inflation even more. Again, I'm suffocating. Please stop and think about what you're doing. This affects not only me but YOU and your kids and your grandkids and your great grandkids. Step back from this cliff and breathe some common sense in. Knox County, and specifically west Knox Co in my case, CANNOT withstand an influx of people that Advance Knox would create. It just can't. You are ruining my neighborhood and my county. Please stop.

Sincerely,

Breathless in Knox County