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Hammer Road Rezoning

Knox County Planning Commission:

I will not waste your time or mine pleading for this rezoning to be stopped completely. If I had the money to buy the property and leave it zoned Agricultural – in the interests of all my human and wildlife neighbors - I already would have.

However, I can ask that you make a serious evaluation of the impact of traffic on Hammer and Pine Grove Roads, and in the interests of safety and infrastructure, please allow only absolute minimum development.

Even with current traffic conditions, both roads are narrow and hazardous. A few years ago, my wife was in an accident on Hammer Road - a pickup truck driver side mirror collided with her SUV driver side mirror as they attempted to pass each other without enough road width to do so. When we then requested center-lines be painted, Jim Snowden and Grant Rosenberg drove the roads with us and stated they were too narrow for a center line. It stands to reason then that they would certainly be too narrow for the additional traffic caused by any more homes.

Additionally, attempting to pull onto or off John Sevier will become even more hazardous – it is already near unmanageable and time-consuming due to the Fresenius industrial rezoning.

Please take these concerns as well as the additional loss of habitat for wildlife into consideration. We moved to East Knox County 30 years ago precisely to escape this kind of situation.

Please consider this message as our voices speaking out on this matter as we are not able to attend the meeting on the 14th.

Thank you.

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