

To the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission:

Our names are Larry and Arlene McElyea residing at 4603 Maloneyville Road, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37918. This is to formally make you aware of our very very strong opposition to the Use on Review application for the commercial sports playing fields proposed at 6701 Washington Pike (Case Number: 8-A-26-UR).

We understand the thoughts of someone making a fortune building a youth sports facility in this neighborhood. We also understand youth sports are important to city and county growth. But in a quiet rural community such as Ritta? So, please consider this as being built in your back yard. Look at the map. Our property backs up to the planned property. Our objections are many, some are as follows:

- 1. Washington Pike is a two lane, very dangerous road. There are no side curbs, has high banks, and not conducive to heavy traffic and a major turn lane at this site. The volume of traffic into and out of this facility would be tremendous at peak times. There is no room for a turn lane on this narrow road.**
- 2. Again, our property joins this partial of land. We do not want this proposed facility adjacent to our property. Having this 200 feet from our back door and out building is severely an infringement to our privacy and nice property value.**
- 3. Speaking of property value, I'm sure this will bring from the Knox County Property Tax Assessor a new lower value in our property tax.**
- 4. A major rub in this proposed review and plan is noise. Instead of whippoorwills and night sounds, screaming and hollering from sports events will be heard up until late at night. Plus, the PA systems and such will also be a problem for us. This is a quiet, peaceful neighborhood. With this project, peaceful will be history.**
- 5. Being this close to our home and bed rooms, the lights from such a facility will be unbelievably irritating at night.**

- 6. Another reason for being in strong opposition of the plan is sewage. A BIG septic tank? By the way, One might check the 'perk' status of this property. Next door that was a major issue when we built our home.**
- 7. Never in our life time did we ever think to hear of a church wanting to destroy our neighborhood with a facility like this.**

Please, please, do not consider this!

Please include this letter in the official public record for the August 13, 2026, hearing.

Sincerely,

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