I would like to express my opposition to the proposed rezoning from Rural Conservation to allow up to 12 dwelling units per acre.

While I am relatively new to the area, one of the main reasons I chose to move here was the charm and character of the Northshore community. The spacious properties, natural surroundings, and the fact that homes are not stacked on top of one another are what make this area so desirable. It offers a unique balance of peaceful, rural living while still being close to everything Knoxville has to offer.

One of the first things I noticed after moving here, however, was the significant amount of traffic already traveling along Northshore Drive. There are times when simply pulling out of our neighborhood can take an unreasonable amount of time due to congestion. This is an existing issue, and adding a development with a density of 12 dwelling units per acre would only place additional strain on an already heavily traveled roadway.

While I certainly understand and appreciate the need for growth and development in our community, I believe that growth needs to be responsible and supported by adequate infrastructure. Northshore Drive is primarily a two-lane road with very few traffic signals outside of the Rocky Hill area. Increasing residential density to this extent without first addressing the existing traffic and infrastructure challenges seems neither practical nor sustainable.

Beyond the traffic concerns, I also believe this type of high-density development would fundamentally change the character of Northshore. The very qualities that attract families and homeowners to this area could slowly disappear if we continue allowing developments that are inconsistent with the surrounding community.

I am not opposed to growth, but I am opposed to growth that comes at the expense of the area's character, quality of life, and existing residents.

For these reasons, I would strongly encourage a vote against the proposed rezoning. I believe we should focus on preserving what makes Northshore special while ensuring that any future development is thoughtful, responsible, and appropriate for the area.