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Dear Board Members:

Good evening. My name is Matt Moyse and I have lived at 180 Parker Schoolhouse Rd. for 10+ years. I am also the Son-in-Law of Dale Butts of 180 and 294 Johnson Rd, the largest bordering neighbor of the New York Safety Track. And, together we share ownership of 420 Johnson Rd., which also shares a large property line with the northern side of the NYST. I don't believe this is a contest, but I do believe I am the most regularly affected person and family on a daily basis.

In current form, there are certainly issues we could discuss. As the first house on Parker Schoolhouse Rd., and on the straightaway, I can firmly tell you that there are many people who do not obey the speed limit. Often it's too late, but when they do catch my young kids and dogs playing in the yard they will let off the gas. But the larger issue is the oversized campers and trailers coming down the hill, unable to slow enough to go the speed limit, that would never have a chance to stop if they needed to. I believe all of us in attendance can discuss the traffic, speeding, and obtrusive airplane buzzing the rooftops at 730 AM on a Sunday morning. But frankly, that's not why we are here.

I am unsure with the change in ownership if there is still a registered firearms dealer on site, but there is still a shooting range that faces downhill within a very short distance of our property. There have been times we have been in the woods, tapping trees or monitoring our property, and felt unsafe due to the sound of whizzing bullets. I would be willing to lay down a hefty bet that there are no lead catchers installed.

As a family, we can deal with the current usage of the track. Ideal? No, but at 5 o'clock the humming of the engines stop and we can enjoy an evening cookout or meal, ride our horses and enjoy the country setting we all live in ... except for all the shooting, which commences after the 5 PM time. To operate from 6 AM – 10 PM, 7 days a week, would be an incessant level of disruption that no individuals should have to endure. In fact, are there any other businesses in this area that operate under those guidelines?

Let's be honest, the economic impact is not that great and I have seen no numbers to indicate otherwise. When the cars and trucks drive down to the end of Parker Schoolhouse Rd, most of them turn left and might stop for dinner on their way out in Stamford or further down 23. Very few turn right, and if they do, they are headed straight to Oneonta. We own and operate an AirBnB at 420 Johnson Rd. This is a business that brings plausible tax income to the town and county. We have been in operation for just over 2 years, and I can count on 1 hand the number of times "track-goers" have rented for the weekend. And of those 3 or 4 times, 1 group had to be stopped from riding their dirt bikes around the property, even though the rules clearly state that is not allowed.

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As an extension of this AirBnb endeavor that we have tackled as a family, we are in the process of renovating the barn for a family wedding in May, and it is our wish to fully operate in the future as a complete wedding venue and homestead. This would not only bring in additional economic benefit to the municipalities, but also to the other people in this room and area that operate their own short-term rentals. If this body is to accept and allow for the 7 days a week, 6 AM – 10 PM hours, there is no way we could operate as a venue due to the noise. So I ask this body, where's the economic benefit? What does any expansion of this track do for us as a community base? Has anyone provided an economic study? Forget the noise and the disruption to the roads – show me the money. In fact, I would ask Mr. Fred Utter – has he received back \$1 from the use of the NYST to pay for the traffic damage to Parker Schoolhouse Rd.?

We are where we are and there is no going backwards on the framework deal. But any expansion to the use of that property, the hours in which it operates or the allowable days would be a dramatic error for anybody who has a vote.

Sincerely,



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