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To the Gahanna Mayor, City Council and Jefferson Township Trustees:

As residents and taxpayers in Gahanna/Jefferson Township and Gahanna-Jefferson School District, not only my wife and I, but every neighbor I have spoken with are very concerned about the proposed high-density 93-unit development proposed by M/I Homes in the Darling Road area for numerous reason.

Historically, there has been good cooperation and coordination between Gahanna and Jefferson Township on residential development; and there has been a goal to avoid development that would unfavorably impact our schools and the community in general.

The proposed development is very high density given the nature of the surrounding community and the infrastructure serving that community. There are numerous roads that will be severely impacted causing extreme congestion and danger to the residents of the area. Further the development's use and abuse of the Jefferson Township/Franklin County roadways designated under the Ohio Scenic Byways program appears totally and completely ignored.

Further the moving parties acknowledge by their recent proposed changes that their plan carries certain danger by their asking that area roads be designated "Residential Emergency access."

There are claims that these single-family homes being built in territory now within Jefferson Township would be filled by "empty-nesters." This sales concept at this price level is an unproven market concept for our community. There are no guarantees or protections against adverse impact on our local schools; nor are there any long-term protections that this added seven-mill property tax could not be mis-used or result in negative property value conditions. I believe that "empty-nesters" are downsizing and NOT generally in the market for houses in the 2,500 to 4,000 square foot size range.

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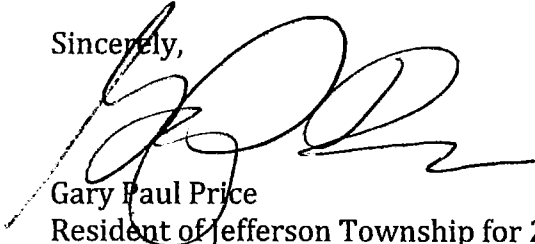
Further on this project there is a proposal to have an added seven-mill property tax included. None of that money earmarked to directly benefit the schools.

Gahanna tax revenue and tax basis is not the only or primary consideration. The people of Jefferson Township only stand to lose both their tranquil, country-like community and their tax base.

Unfortunately, despite public opposition, Mr. Renner said that the "project would be a positive addition to Gahanna." This statement alone reflects who is being considered: City of Gahanna, not the people of Jefferson township and the surrounding area.

We respectfully ask Gahanna officials to table for six months any actions to advance this untested tax and higher-density development until ALL legal details and questions can be carefully examined and fully reviewed. If not, we will consider all of our legal/court and ballot options in order to protect the schools and property values in our community.

Sincerely,



Gary Paul Price

Resident of Jefferson Township for 26 years