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Hello,

Hope the week is going well for you. My husband and I will be attending the meeting this Wednesday; we look forward to hearing multiple perspectives on the proposed community projects. In the meantime, we would like to voice our concern regarding the proposed zoning amendment at Big Beach.

We have been living in Ukee for several years now, and plan to stay here long-term as we love this community so much. A big part of that is the access to beautiful, walkable sections of the town that feel social yet peaceful. Big Beach is one of our favourite places to meet with friends after a work day. While we agree that the proposed lot could be utilized in an interesting way for the community and visitors, we don't think an alcohol-centric establishment is ideal. We already have several places to grab a drink in town and it would be a shame to have the peaceful nature of Big Beach disrupted with drunken visitors or even music coming from the establishment.

Another concern of ours is long-term affordability and to this end it does seem like a good opportunity to address the housing shortage. We have been affected by a shortage of long-term rental options, so any new density-focused accommodation infrastructure (whether aimed at tourists or locals) does help to open up options. Development can feel like a scary prospect in the short-term, but long-term it is the only way to address the cost-of-living crisis. There are already townhouses built just beside this proposed lot, and they do not radically impact the feel and enjoyability of Big Beach. It could be a good model to replicate.

Thank you so much for your time. We appreciate it!

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