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Hello Meggan,

My name is Allena Baker and I, along with my husband Daniel Baker and our four children are residents at 4125 Walker Road. As I'm sure you have already been made aware, we have been unwillingly confronted with the planned commercial development at 3980 Walker Road. As homeowners here, we are highly unsettled by these plans to build a "Religious Institution" or any type of school on this road for many reasons, but largely because they pose very serious safety concerns.

Our extension of Walker Road is private, and is part of an agreement among residents who oversee its care and maintenance. As you would see if you were to visit our neighborhood, the road is in a dramatic state of disrepair at this time, with limited capacity to remedy its condition. We have had numerous ongoing struggles with keeping the road in good standing, as there has been a lack of knowledgeable manpower as well as appropriate equipment. As a result, personal and particularly commercial vehicles are stuck on this road on a regular basis, especially in Winter conditions. Increasing traffic on our Walker Road extension would magnify these issues exponentially. In an emergency situation in which first responders would need

expedient access to homes here, or should residents and/or attendees at 3980 Walker, need to be evacuated, there would be unimaginable obstacles and delays, threatening safety, and potentially people's lives. As former California residents, we can very vividly recall the unspeakable tragedy that occurred in Paradise, CA, where numerous people lost their lives after being trapped in their vehicles while trying to flee from a wildfire. Homeowners here on Walker were under mandatory evacuation during the Black Forest fire, and similarly to the incident in Paradise, there is one way in or out, which at that time, caused traffic to be backed up for an extended period of time, leaving residents unable to leave rapidly.

This is a rural residential area where homeowners have livestock and horses, not to mention tractors and personal four wheel vehicles. The area is not designed for commercial development of any kind, especially when said development would exceed the necessary infrastructure to support it. We personally have no issue with any kind of Christian Organization or school, and in fact, think that they are very needed in the world we currently find ourselves, but this is simply not the place for it.

It is our sincere hope that any and all parties considering the approval of this development will diligently review the circumstances before allowing this business to operate here. While we again support the efforts of the owner, we are adamantly opposed to what is being proposed at this location.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Allena and Daniel Baker

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