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To whom it may concern:

I cannot attend nor otherwise view the Sussex County Council meeting on May 17. I would like to go on record as being opposed to granting a Conditional Use (#2318) for the V&M LLC project at Rt. 24 and Mulberry Knoll Road. Specifically, I am opposed to the convenience store with gas pumps at that site. I have lived on Retz Lane in Country Village for over 43 years. Retz Lane is a dead end street; the only access to the 8 homes and 2 businesses is from Rt. 24 directly across from the proposed store. The V&M application does not mention Country Village. Neither does the applicant seem to have considered the amount of traffic generated by the 2 schools in the area. Traffic is a nightmare when buses and parents are dropping off and picking up children at the schools. I understand the proposed highway and intersection improvements planned by DeIDOT, but that is not enough to mitigate the traffic congestion in the area. Vehicles exiting Retz Lane are already risking lives by trying to access Rt. 24 east. How much more harrowing it will be to cross 5 lanes of traffic! Even now sight lines are blocked by school buses, and parents speed down the shoulders to get to the schools. Traffic backs up and vehicles fill the shoulders.

Another concern is that the location of the proposed bus stop is right before the proposed right-in/right-out entrance/exit to the store. I strongly object to ANY exit from the convenience store onto Rt. 24. It just will not be safe! There are just too many vehicles coming from all directions.

In summary, this is the wrong location for a convenience store.

Thank you for your consideration.

Also please note: **We did not receive any mail notice of the proposed Conditional Use.** We first learned of it from the Cape Gazette. That is why this email is being sent so late in the process.

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