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Dear Mr. Blaisdell:

My name is Cathy Turner. I live at 2408 New Hill Olive Chapel Road (less than one mile from the proposed waste water treatment site) and have been a member of the New Hill community since 1988 so New Hill is the only home my children have ever known. I am writing to you because, as the lead stewardship agency for the preservation and protection of our state's natural resources, I am hopeful that you will champion our cause.

Because residents of New Hill have not been allowed a forum with the Western Wake Partners, other than our many trips to the various Town Council Meetings, we were forced to place a half page ad in the Cary News to inform the public on the issues we have faced, and the questionable methods by which the site selection process took place. The ad entitled **New Hill: Not Just A Zip Code** is included in Tab J in the binder provided by the New Hill Community Association.

This ad cost us more than \$2,300 (\$2316.00 to be exact). In order to pay for the ad, we have utilized public donations, had bake sales and BBQ fundraisers, and even held a community-wide yard sale.

Apparently our ad was successful, because shortly after our ad ran in the Cary News, WLFL-TV, Channel 22, had a segment about the sewage plant. Following the segment, WLFL generated an online opinion poll to ask viewers this question:

**Do you think New Hill residents have a legitimate complaint?**

According to poll results, 96% of those voting thought, YES, New Hill does have a legitimate complaint; while only 4% said No.

In addition, 41 people chose to submit comments along with their vote. You can review the comments in **Tab H** in your binder. While this was not a scientific poll, it clearly shows the overwhelming majority of those participating in the poll think the residents of New Hill have a legitimate complaint. You will notice comments

from New Hill, several surrounding communities, and as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania.

Three of the comments read as follows:

Ethel from Cary writes, yes [New Hill has a legitimate complaint].  
“New Hill has had land taken for Jordan Lake, Shearon Harris, power lines & the Dixie pipeline. Isn't that enough? Progress Energy took 14000 more acres than needed for the nuclear power plant, let 200 acres of that land go to the WWT facility.”

Barry from Willow Spring believes that residents have a legitimate complaint commenting, “While sewer capacity is critical to this area, locating it in an area that is detrimental to those not benefiting from it should not be allowed.”

Finally, a New Hill resident points out that, “New Hill has not had a vote, not had a voice, and will not benefit from the sewage plant. The sewage plant does not belong in the center of their community and adjacent to their historic district. The plant should be moved to location such as Progress Energy land that was already taken from New Hill residents for a nuclear plant.”

In summary:

Because New Hill residents were not given the opportunity to provide input on the sewage plant; and

Because much of the information Cary was saying publicly was not true;

It was incumbent upon residents to place an ad in the Cary News to set the record straight.

Since the Western Wake Partners have repeatedly ignored the public outcry of placing the sewage plant in New Hill, I respectfully request that DENR reject the Western Wake Partners application.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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