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Dear Crook County Commissioners,

I apologize for not being able to speak in the County Commission meeting on Oct 16th, but I was at work and couldn't really talk. I was trying to listen as much as possible and I thank you for listening and being engaged with my neighbors comments. If there is anything you need clarification from me or have questions, please let me know, Im available. I will also try to be available at the next meeting on Nov 6th.

What I wanted to say at the meeting:

When we had just moved into our house on Riverdance road about 3 yrs ago, the rock pit set off an explosion that literally felt like the walls were going to tumble over and our roof was going to fall onto us and crush us. We were only here a couple weeks and I have had a lump in my stomach ever since. We had no idea who to complain to or what to do. We invested all of our money in this house and property, and now we feel like it could all be destroyed due to the rock pit. Our property values will be nearly nothing if the rock pit expands next to my house like they did to Jennifer Adams. Our well could crumble and cave in due to the blasting and mining. We really don't know what to do. Im still learning alot about mining and the process.

I have spoken to Tanner at Greenbar many times about the blasting and dust problems, and he always assured me, "oh we will take care of that, we will water the dust", etc, etc. What I realize now is that the

few neighbors that did complain, talked to Bartels or Tanner Brown, like I did, to try and mitigate the issues, but that got us nowhere, because it's not logged with the county or state, so they see there were no complaints filed and everything is just fine.

The truth is, there has been at least one massive blast that felt like my house was going to fall down. I can't imagine what Jennifer has been through. When they are rock crushing, the noise, vibration, and dust is so bad, it floods the valley along Juniper Canyon road. If there is no wind, the dust just sits like a cloud of sludge over all our homes. If there is wind, well some are luckier than others. The beeping from the heavy equipment might be the most annoying. I asked the planning commission for white noise backup beepers like the knife river operation is using. But some of the members laughed and mentioned it was probably a safety issue.

My last main concern is the setbacks. I was told by the neighbors at the knife river site that the setbacks should be 100 feet from the property line. So, I looked up the Crook County code and it seems to me that it should be 100 feet from the property line, not the home. I'm not sure how or why the old Bartels pit is using 50 foot setbacks.

According to crook county code:

18.144.060 Development standards.

Upon approval of a conditional mining use application, all the following standards apply:

(1) Mining activities shall be located and conducted at least:

(a) **One hundred feet from an existing noise or dust sensitive use, unless the owner of the residence or use signs and files an**

agreement which authorizes the mining to be conducted closer than 100 feet. In no case shall such mining be conducted closer than 50 feet of the boundary of an adjacent ownership.

(b) One hundred feet from a road not owned by the applicant and from the property line of the applicant unless that distance is not sufficient to protect the adjoining property from land movement, or the threat of land movement. In such cases, the setback shall be the minimum distance required by DOGAMI that will protect the adjoining property from movement or the threat of movement. This setback shall be reviewed and approved by DOGAMI prior to being approved by the hearing authority. **In no case shall the setback be less than 100 feet.**

(2) Processing of resource material and the storage of equipment shall be at least 500 feet from an existing noise or dust sensitive use, unless the owner of the residence or use signs and files an agreement which authorizes the processing of resource material or storage of equipment closer than 500 feet. In no case shall such activities be located closer than 100 feet from any adjacent dwellings.

Thank you for your time,

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