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To Whom It May Concern:

We are opposing a Dollar General in our backyard neighborhood. We live on Ridge View Rd.

We can't imagine why anyone thinks this is a good idea. How are things going at Richi's and Granny's? Today they are not going. If they have plans to get business rolling again, this will damage their business immeasurably. How will they be able to compete dollar for dollar?

Juniper Canyon is already a dicey road to drive on. People drive too fast, and they make crazy passes. Often it is just plain unsafe.

We do not need to add delivery trucks to the mix. Nor do we need the left turns, which we suspect will be the bulk of the traffic going into the store.

There will be lights - will they be protecting our dark sky? Will they keep the glare away from the homes nearby?

Water is needed - more than for a family. Will this impact those who live nearby? Please don't say they will have their own water source. Of course they will. Our question remains will this potentially impact the homes nearby?

There will be litter - who is going to pick it up?

We have friends who like to stay at the State Parks and as people from out of town they say this will be an 'eyesore'. It's not what they envision for the drive into a dark sky designated location.

There is a homeless and drug problem in Crook County. All we need is another place for them to convene; especially in an out of the way place where there is no support and less law enforcement present. We do not need an unattended hangout spot for the night hours. This is still a neighborhood, albeit a large one.

Traffic that normally uses Davis Loop may be diverted to Juniper Canyon, thus increasing the traffic flow on this part of the road.

One of our greatest concerns is that we have one point of ingress and egress into Juniper Canyon. All we need is more concentrated traffic on Juniper Canyon. Crook County is setting themselves up for a lawsuit if anyone dies because the road is blocked by an accident, and they can't get through. I shudder to think what will happen if we have a fire. We don't understand how this can even be legal and now we are considering adding commercial vehicles.

This feels like another Lakewood, Colorado situation. We can't expect you to care why we live out here, but we care. We know the pros and cons. Unlike Lakewood I hope you seriously consider our input, rather than act like you are listening and then ending up doing what you wanted all along. We sure hope not.

We recognize this is revenue for the county - so are our tax dollars and quite frankly we were all here first. We too are hefty revenue.

For those who make the final decision, is this in your backyard, or do you live elsewhere such that this has no impact on the quality of your life? Does the person(s) wanting to put in a Dollar General live here or elsewhere such that they do not need to live with the negative consequences.

We do not "need" a Dollar General. Everyone who lives out here must come through Prineville where there are spendy and affordable options. We also pass a Dollar Store en route.

Thank goodness for good neighbors who take the time to make sure the locals know what is going on, or we would have had no clue. How does that happen?

We would rather be going to a meeting regarding a bike and walking path to the reservoir. This speaks more to us about life in Crook County. A Dollar General does not create that image. There are so many things not right about this picture.

We are all for progress; however, this is a step backward and does not say "This can be your best life, live and play in Prineville."

Thanks for your time. We will be at the meeting. - Sandy (and Jeff)

The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget. - Thomas Szasz

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