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Mr. James G. "Jim" Crawford  
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**RE: Extra Garage Self Storage Center IV -- Beaver Creek Road**

Dear Mr. Crawford:

My name is Alan H. McConnell, and I live with my family at 1535 Tody Goodwin Road in Chatham County. I have lived on this property for 24 years. At its August 15th meeting the Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote on a request by the developer of the proposed Extra Garage Self Storage Center IV to rezone a portion of my neighborhood to allow this Development. My wife, two children, and I oppose this Development, and the purpose of this letter is to ask you to vote on August 15<sup>th</sup> against the rezoning of my neighborhood to allow the Development.

The proposed Development consists of construction of a huge building complex that runs parallel to Beaver Creek Road for .36 miles. If approved, the Development would be the third such storage facility along a short (1.1 mile) stretch of Beaver Creek Road. As such, the Development would result in over 1/2 of a mile of storage areas, the equivalent of a substantial strip mall, to be placed within a short 1 mile stretch of a scenic road, within the heart of an R-1 Residential District. I spoke against this rezoning effort during the Public Hearing before the Commission on 3/21/16 and before the Planning Board on 5/3/16. I also submitted comprehensive comments, dated 4/20/16, to the Planning Department in opposition to the rezoning of my neighborhood to allow this development.

The Planning Department staff developed comprehensive Agenda Notes for the Planning Board that recommends against rezoning to allow the Development. The Planning Department Notes raise several objections to the planned Development. However most importantly to me, these Notes state that the Development would "have a destabilizing effect on the residential uses in the surrounding area." On 5/3/16 the Planning Board voted against the rezoning request by a vote of 6 to 1, with one abstention.

I have been advised by one of my neighbors that the developer has recently proposed changes to the Development, and offered a substantial sum of money to at least one neighbor, in an attempt

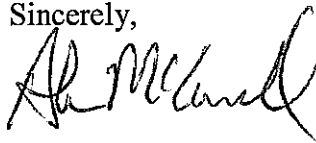
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to reduce opposition to the Development. Please be assured that my family's opposition to the Development, and I believe the opposition by my neighbors, remain unchanged.

On behalf of my family and my neighborhood, and in support of decisions made by the Planning Department staff and the Planning Board, on August 15<sup>th</sup> please vote against rezoning to allow this Development to be constructed in my neighborhood. I will be in attendance at the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> if the Commission needs additional information or seeks additional comment on this matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan H. McConnell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Alan H. McConnell

cc: Jason Sullivan, Director, Chatham County Planning Department