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Supervisor Foust McLean Governmental Center 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Dear Supervisor Foust,

You may or may not be aware that Orr-BSL Hunter Mill, LLC has filed an application (Application number SE-2018-HM-024) for a special exception of an 86-bed assisted living facility at 2347 Hunter Mill Road. Your board is reviewing this application on June 12th. I strongly oppose the special exception.

In 1988 an application was filed (RZ 87-C-084) for subdividing for 3-6 houses at 2347 Hunter Mill RD. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) denied the application against the recommendation of staff partially because of Plan densities.

In 2001, an application for a Zoroastrian center applied for an application (SP 00-H-026) at 2347 Hunter Mill RD. The application was approved but was contingent on conditions. The County appreciated the sensitive nature of the land and placed a condition of a conservation easement on the parcel, which would years later, more or less, follow the RPA, for which Fairfax has been applauded nation wide for being ahead of its time. Development for whatever reason never occurred.

Presently, Orr-BSL Hunter Mill, LCC is proposing an 86-bed assisted living facility on a septic system. There are no other assisted living facilities in Fairfax on septic. Orr-BSL is also proposing vacating parts of the conservation easement and encroaching in the RPA.

2347 Hunter Mill is not a proper location for an assisted living facility. First, there is no public sewer. Medical waste will be deposited into a very sensitive environmental parcel where many neighbors rely on well water. The precedence set by allowing the first medical care facility in Fairfax, on septic, while also vacating a conservation easement for a drain field cannot be understated.

The requested exception is also well out of line with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan and this is very important because there is no public transportation. Most of the workers will be general labor which places a burden on them by requiring them to drive to work which further congests an already very busy road. There are no public facilities close (1-hour 20-minute walk from metro or 47-minute walk to bus). There are no hospitals, fire departments, etc. remotely close.

On June 12, the Planning Commission should apply the same standards to the current application (SE-2018-HM-024) which were applied to and denied under the 1988 application (RZ 87-C-084). In fact, the current application is (SE-2018-HM-024) more extreme.

Please take a look at https://protecthmr.com for a timeline and interactive slide for a comparison of previous applications on this lot.

Respectfully,

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