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Marion County Planning Commission
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ATTN David Brazel
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SUBJECT: Conditional Use Public Hearing, 20 Nov 2003

Reference: 1827 50th, Peabody, Kansas 66866

I will be out of town and unable to attend the subject public hearing for the land use change. This letter is provided to convey my concern for the requested change and to provide my recommendation that the Planning commission reject the change.

The proposed commercial operation will present a potential environmental hazard to the immediate and surrounding area. Specifically the proposed operation of a paint shop would expose the site and surrounding drainage area to the potential spills of hazardous chemicals, paints and paint solvents. These chemicals spills would be absorbed into the soil and possibly leaching into and contaminating the ground water.

After speaking with Mr. David Brazel, I am concerned that Marion County who would be responsible for performing the environmental inspections is not staffed with trained personnel to conduct the necessary inspections to detect or prevent contamination of either the soil or ground water.

Daily our water resources become more critical as contamination continues to claim more and more of our wells and even into the aquifer. I recognize that this maybe a small operation, but none of us thought that chemicals sprayed on our agriculture fields would ever hurt us, but time has shown that even they have leached into our water supplies. I think that we should be proactive and protect our resources.

I strongly urge the Planning Commission reject the proposed conditional use.


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