

Date: September 6, 2008

To: Bedford Township Planning Commission

Re: Request for rezoning (Parcel Number 5802-027-059-40) located on the northwest corner of Sterns Road and Lewis Avenue, Temperance, Michigan 48182.

As a resident of Temperance, MI, I have great concern regarding the proposed rezoning requested on the property stated above. The parcels equaling 41+ acres could allow for businesses or a "big box" store that would far exceed the size of any other business in Bedford Township and would not fit the definition of meeting the local business needs according to the current Master Plan.

We are pleased with the rebirth of downtown Temperance. Any type of large shopping center or mega-store would surely crush some of our neighborhood businesses. Their empty buildings would set the redevelopment back several years. This rezoning request eliminating the R2A, is not keeping with the landowners' promise to the surrounding neighborhoods' residents in the late 1970's and early 1980's to not develop the remaining land in any large businesses, and in keeping an adequate single-family residential buffer between the existing neighborhoods and the existing business on Lewis Avenue (Ford dealership).

Furthermore, this kind of land use could cause a tremendous increase in township traffic and crime, as well as lowered home values for the subdivisions to the north, south, and west of the property. Accordingly, I respectfully ask that you reject the rezoning request. Thank you,

Name:(Printed) _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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