

Good Afternoon Committee Members,

We would just like to set the record straight on several false statements made by my neighbor on why we should not be allowed to proceed with our Air BnB.

#1. **Break-in:** He describes a recent break-in due to my guests, his previous emails. This break-in happened before we bought the property. It also predates the time he has lived in his. Talked to my other neighbors about it and it was roughly 10 years ago.

#2. **Increased fire danger:** The fire department recently responded to a neighbor's house for an emergency in about 2 minutes since a fireman lives next door. We **DO NOT** allow open fires on our property. The last thing we want is start a fire, that is why we strongly enforce this.

#3. **Roadway:** The portion of roadway in question (Stoneridge Road) was annexed into the road district June 6th, 2017 by majority vote. It was voted in as a 20' easement, which is plenty of room for people to meet on the road. This easement was approved by Mr. Briesemeister.

#4. **People Stopping at Neighbor's:** We have only ever had one person call that could not find our house. At that point, we came down and bought a sign permit. We installed a 4' x 8' sign and have **very specific** directions listed on Air BnB.

#5. **Added Trash on his Property:** In his earlier email he mentioned that a Doritos bag and a water bottle were on his property. In the previous CUP hearing, our neighbor told the committee that he would turn us in for trespassing if we stepped on his property. How was it determined to come from our property??? I am sure that other people might enjoy Doritos and a water. We pick up trash that is not ours. It is taking pride in home ownership.

#6. **My place of Employment:** Still not quite sure my place of employment has any bearing on this hearing. We have **NEVER** rented out of our campers. They are both licensed, drivable, and owned by us personally. My place of employment has nothing to do with my campers. Furthermore, my place of business **does not** rent any sort of camper.

#7. **Water Use:** Pine Grove Water District sent a letter to all members stating the rate increase had been held off as long as possible.... This rate increase had **ZERO** to do with our Air BnB. How is this any different than us having full time renters? This property was a full time rental prior to us purchasing it. In the previous CUP hearing, the neighbor also commented that our guests take hour long showers. I am not sure how he would be able to back that claim up.

#8. **Property Value:** I am sure everyone that is reading this has noticed their property values skyrocketing. If we were never planning on moving from our home, a lower taxable value would be ideal. Our tax assessed value went up around 10% due to the influx of people moving here to "homestead."

#9. **Quality of Life:** We also want to enjoy our property the way we see fit. This why we moved out of town. There are several things that we do not agree with in our neighborhood, but we understand that our neighbors are free to use their land as the wish. We do not let it consume our daily lives and

threaten them if they do not do as we wish. This is both childish and irresponsible. Mr. Briesemeister has yelled at a local veterinarian "To get the f**k out of his yard". They were not our Air BnB guest or even coming to our home. They had simply stopped on the road to look at the deer and turkeys. Mr. Briesemeister feeds these animals year around which creates an attraction in his yard. This also creates issues for the rest of the neighbors by having these animals constantly in the roadway and in our yards.

#10. **Legal Liability:** In today's world most people are way more comfortable hiding behind a lawyer than trying to work something out between each other. All this accomplishes is lawyers getting rich and ending up where you started.

In conclusion, we have got every form or permit that has been asked of us. Permits include the State's Health Lodging License, Sales Tax License, State's DENR Permit plus a new septic tank and drain field. We are doing this the legal way. We have never asked anyone to "bend" any laws to benefit us. We do not envy the council's position on this Conditional Use Permit.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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