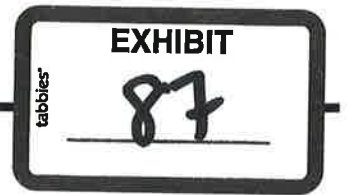


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Dear planning committee,

My name is Jordyn Mathes, and I have been a resident of Prineville for about seven years now, living up Juniper canyon for the entirety of that time. My parents moved here when I was starting middle school to give my siblings and I a safe area to grow without having to worry much about traffic or strangers that could cause harm to their children. I am writing this email to state my disagreement to allowing a Dollar General at the location being considered, or anywhere up Juniper Canyon.

There are several reason why I disagree with the location of this Dollar General. It will increase traffic in an already unsafe area, and will make evacuation in case of a fire even more difficult. There are frequently people speeding up and down the canyon, and that does not bode well for a chain store that will have people walking in a parking lot nearby. There is only one paved way in and out of Juniper Canyon, and having a Dollar General at the considered sight will cause more congestion in times when an evacuation for any residents are needed.

Juniper canyon is also a rural area where people of all ages move to get away from the traffic, lights, and sound of more populated areas. Adding a Dolllar General will Increase all of that and more. Many people enjoy seeing the wildlife, such as deer, in their yards, but having a Dollar General with it's lights on will most likely cause deer to stay away from that area. We have a low criminal activity up here as there isn't really a place of interest to steal from, and I worry that our crime rate will go up with a chain store located in "the middle of no-where."

Adding a chain store will open up for the possibility of adding more shopping-focused businesses, and most residents up here do not want that. Most people prefer the safety of distance from town than the convenience of being near a chain store of any kind. On top of not wanting any chain business up the canyon, we have a dollar tree right in town that serves the exact same purpose as a Dollar General would. We also have a lot of small businesses up here that would not be as successful if a Dollar General was added, and I strongly believe that we should support small businesses rather than chain stores. Thank you for your time, I hope you take my disagreement into consideration whilst making this decision. I trust our committee will do the right thing for the residents that are located up Juniper Canyon.
Jordyn Mathes

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