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In the matter of an intent to subdivide Tax Lot 01800 (Marion County, Oregon).

To begin, please provide an understanding as to the distribution of the letter issuing notification to request for comments prior to the scheduled hearing date of 31MAY22. This reply would be greatly appreciated via email or phone.

My family resides within the adjoining Highlands neighborhood and we were only informed by another neighbor who immediately borders the property in question. We have been members of the Keizer community since 2004. We did not receive formal notice of this application.

Although the intended receipt of comments was noted as 19MAY21, I will offer to submit these statements now as well as during the hearing scheduled next Tuesday.

According to the initial plan, even if emergency service vehicles could access the area, constraints would require travel in reverse to re-enter O'Neil Road unless proven otherwise. In the event of trauma or other cardiac event, those additional minutes deny a favorable outcome for any patient whether pediatric or geriatric.

Even as residents of the City of Keizer, we also face the burden of relying on emergency service outside of the city. The impact on insurance costs is another matter, but deserves comment in this application process. Adding a half-dozen additional families to the area would only compound the situation even further.

The same value of limited space does not appear to have sufficient allowance for dwelling protection without involvement of the adjoining dwelling using current building materials.

For the other challenge of our area schools, especially Forest Ridge Elementary (Salem-Keizer School District), classroom size is and has been at capacity for many years. I am not aware of any plans for expansion of this elementary school campus. Compounded by reduced staffing in all schools, this is another justification to deny this request in this form.

Respectfully,

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