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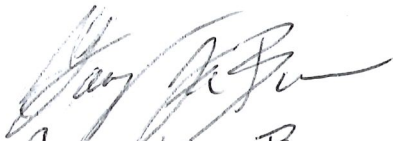
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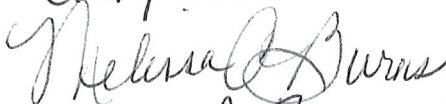
BY: Matt C...

To Matthew Cyr,

We wish to place a petition before you regarding the property adjacent to our private drive on Mount Gilead Rd. The property is owned by Milestone Church. The church is growing and to meet their needs of expanding their facility, they need more parking space. They are proposing to place two parking lots along the east side of their property. One lot will be adjacent to the west side of Marshall Ridge. I don't think that will be a problem for Marshall Ridge residence because it will be behind their backyard fencing. But the smaller lot along with a third entrance connecting the small parking lot to Mount Gilead Road will be right in front of all 4 houses on the private drive. It will take out the trees that have been a wonderful buffer between us and the church. With the trees removed, the lights of the parking lot and moving vehicles will shine on the front of our homes. The trees provide a sound barrier, which greatly benefits us. With most of the trees gone, we will lose the quite atmosphere of our little neighborhood. I feel it will affect the value of our homes as well. We are only asking that they leave the buffer of forest between us by not putting the smaller parking lot and third entrance in front of us.



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Additional Points For Not Extending the Milestone Parking Lot Adjacent to Our Private Road

- 1) The church holds late night events sometimes and their music can already be heard inside of our homes even with the tree cover. If it's removed, it will become even more of a nuisance.
- 2) There are so many trees that they would be killing to make the parking lot, when they could do it elsewhere on their property diminishing the number of trees that would have to be cut down and also the number of neighbors that it would affect.
- 3) Cutting down all of the trees along our private Mount Gilead Rd would become an offense to our generally quiet little neighborhood. It exposes our privacy and the feel of country living, which is why my family chose this area to live.
- 4) Keller is also know as one of the Tree City, USA communities across our nation. This is an exert from <https://www.cityofkeller.com/services/parks-recreation/parks-and-trails/tree-city-usa>

"There are thousands of Tree City USA communities across the United States. These are communities, large and small, that **have made the commitment to invest in their trees**, and they are reaping the benefits of the program by fulfilling the four standards set by Tree City USA."

Cutting down this large number does not sound like an investment in our trees. I understand the church needs additional parking but I'm sure there is a way to minimize the number of trees cut down and a better location for it than along our private section of Mount Gilead Rd.