

November 7, 2019

County of Mendocino Planning and Building Services

860 North Bush Street

Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: U_2018-0022

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Brian Gaynor, am writing this letter in response to the application of an auto repair business permit, otherwise noted as a Cottage Use Permit. This permit should not be awarded to the owner, Sayre Statham, of the business Stratham's Garage because of several key points.

First, I have a home on Little Lake Road and have noticed an increase of dust, traffic, and noise. Both Powers Road and Little Lake Road require costly maintenance of which the residents of both roads incur. Additional vehicle traffic from this business will unjustly add to the repair and cost of road maintenance.

Residents of this neighborhood depend on clean well-water for drinking, and an auto repair business is a poor choice when considering our health and well-being. Toxic chemicals including fuel, oil, and petroleum-based solvents are used in auto repair and have the potential to contaminate our ground water supply.

Furthermore, these highly flammable chemicals pose an extreme fire danger to the adjoining pigmy forest and homes of neighboring residents. Fire prevention is of utmost importance to Californians at the present time and should not be taken lightly. Little Lake Road and Powers Road are the only escape route should a fire break out, and thus a real safety concern for families in the area.

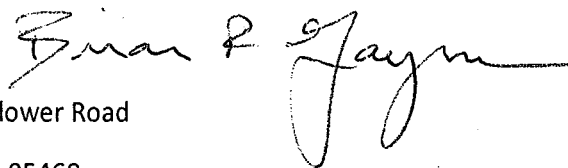
Finally, allowing an auto repair business to operate in a residential neighborhood will ultimately lower the property values of the homes in and around the adjoining area. This will be a negative affect for those who depend on their homes as a primary asset.

Thank you,

Brian Gaynor

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