

April 12, 2018

Morris Plains Borough Council
Morris Plains Planning Board

Dear Council and Planning Board members,

On behalf of the Morris Plains Board of Health, I would like to take this opportunity to address the Borough Council and Planning Board regarding Application PB-1-17, Tabor Road Owner, LLC regarding the Mane Corporation. As you may know, the Board of Health submitted a letter to the Town Council on February 15th, 2018 stating our concerns regarding the negative health effects that this proposal could have on the residents of Morris Plains. Last evening, at the regularly scheduled February Board of Health meeting, our group further discussed the proposed Mane development application and the further testimony by the experts provided by Mane at the Planning Board special sessions since the time of our original letter. In addition to the perspective impact on resident health, we have continued concerns for safety due to increased traffic flow and volume.

At this time, we do not feel that the testimony presented by the Mane Corporation adequately addresses and mitigates the concerns for possible long-term impact on the health of our community. In evaluating the effect of the addition of Mane to Morris Plains, we do not feel that this development would improve our town. Our grave concerns relate to the use of chemicals, including phthalates, and we are concerned about this subset of chemicals effects on our population, especially in pregnant women and developing children. These concerns have not been assuaged by the testimony provided by Mane for a multitude of reasons. In addition, to date, there has been no medical or toxicology testimony. In addition to the phthalates, there are 1,600 chemicals listed by Mane for use in the proposed facility; the health impact of the carcinogens on this list has not been adequately addressed by a health expert. The concerns of the citizens of Morris Plains discussed at the meetings have not been fully satisfied.

At our meeting last evening, we discussed this proposal with Carlos Perez, the County Health Officer. Mr. Perez shared with us his experience with a similar facility in the county and relayed that the development and operation of this facility has become a continuous nuisance for the townspeople. Furthermore, he relayed that complaints of odor and other topics related to this industry are difficult, if not impossible, to address given the ordinances which surround complaint response of this type in New Jersey. We are not looking for a similar experience in Morris Plains and fear that if this project receives a green light you will have taken us down a path from which we will have little future influence over.

We understand that Mane once before applied to move into our area and the application was denied. Given all of the concerning information above, the possible grave impact that the development of this plant will have on the people of Morris Plains, and the testimony that we

have heard thus far from the experts from Mane, the Board of Health does not support the approval of the Mane application.

Should you have any questions or would like to talk more about his application, please feel free to contact any member of the Board or call me on my cell phone at any time.

Sincerely,

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Morris Plains Board of Health