

Good morning,

I spoke at the first meeting as well as attended the rebuttal. I had been sworn in during that meeting, and today I swear to tell the truth, just as I had in the prior hearings. Unfortunately, I'm not able to make it today, as my family will be on vacation. But appreciate the time to speak via this letter, as this is extremely important to me.

First let me start by saying I was going to record myself reading this at the intersection during what Johnson engineering said was peak hours between 4-5pm. When I left my street earlier in the day around 11 am, the road was packed, and there were 6 trucks waiting at the stop sign on Green Meadow. When I arrived at the intersection at 4:15pm, "peak hours", the intersection and road were substantially less crowded. Not one truck used the intersection during the 10 minutes I was there. It is imperative to recognize that this is not your typical traffic pattern. Peak hours on I 75, are not peak hours on Alico Road.

My biggest fear is the inadequacy of the outdated, and mistimed traffic reports from Johnson engineering. I feel that something that threatens the lives of residents, and non-residents alike, should be examined with utmost scrutiny. The safety of our citizens should be put first, not convenience. It is my opinion that Johnson Engineering is very much downplaying, and cherry picking information on this very dangerous stretch of road. **On Alico road between Ben Hill and Corkscrew, there were a total of 33 accidents in 2016 and a whopping 31 in only 7 months of 2019, an accident every 5.96 days, vs and accident every 11.06 days in 2016. This is an additional 28 accidents per year, a 90% increase!** Keep in mind, The Place on Corckscrew was not yet established until the end of 2018, and the community has still not come close to filling it's 1,325 proposed homes. This also does not take into account, the proposed mine on Corkscrew rd, the unestablished Wild Blue with 1,100 homes, a new concrete plant that just added 50 trucks to their fleet, and fact that Estero Village is asking that all dump truck traffic be funneled down Alico Road. To help prove my point, I've attached a copy of the 148 crashes recorded on Alico rd. The large majority of which are during the school year which I've highlighted.

For reference, there are 1,325 homes in The Place and 1,100 homes Wild Blue. Creating roughly 4,850 more vehicles on the road daily. A study by Lee county in early 2017, 5 months before The Place opened, shows "(From 7-9 a.m.), Corkscrew Road from Bella Terra Boulevard to Three Oaks Parkway is nearly at capacity" this causes many vehicles to use Alico road to detour the normal route, vs waiting in the standstill traffic caused by Pinewoods elementary and "snowbird season". I feel that these traffic studies, shown at what Johnson Engineering says is an avg 2% growth on average, is very misleading, considering the 70% increase in accidents from 2016, to early 2019 and a very concentrated area of growth within just a few miles of the proposed site. Furthermore, the given JE study was done on June 24<sup>th</sup>, well out of the school year and season, and the traffic accidents shown were only for the proposed intersection.

These trucks do not simply vanish when they leave the site. They continue to travel down Alico rd, and continue to make the roads more deadly for everyone involved. Therefore, JE's data should be deemed as grossly inadequate, disgustingly misleading, and putting all of our citizens lives at risk; first and foremost, my children's lives. May I remind you that our children's bus stop bench was recently crushed by a passenger vehicle who was run off the road by a dump truck, not but 20 minutes before our kids would arrive to catch the bus. Six children would have been standing in that spot. Four families would

have buried their children. Four families would never kiss their children goodnight again. I couldn't imagine being a contributing factor to the death of anyone, let alone children.

There is not a day that goes by that I don't have to ride the non-existent shoulder, wondering if I'll have to drive into the drainage ditch with my family because a dump truck breaches too far over the yellow line. Not a day that goes by without seeing an oncoming vehicle swerve back and forth looking to pass a line of dump trucks backed up because of the merge at the curve. Not a day that goes by that I don't fear for my two children's lives, when they will one day have to drive this stretch of road. I can't imagine the dangerous conditions that will have accumulated by then. All in the name of money, and progress.

One last thing I want to point out. The waterflow survey provided by JE does not include the free flowing drainage canals that run directly down Devore lane. These canals rapidly transfer rainwater from Alico road runoff, to continue back into the natural sheet flow. The leachate that comes off of 500 trucks per day will certainly be dumping hazardous waste directly into our front yards. It will also be washed directly into the 300 acres of adjoining wet land that has just been restored in order to provide a safe, clean home for wading birds, panthers, and the like.

I beg of you, please look past the skewed information presented by these "experts in manipulation" and look at the truth. A statement from Christopher Hatton, senior vice president at Kimley-Horn and Associates, the firm that did the traffic study on Corkscrew road. He said, "Road widening is almost a necessity in the coming years if large communities sprout east of I-75. A two-lane road **cannot** hold that many new growths." For this, I ask you to please protect our families, please deny this application for extreme growth, with extremely dangerous vehicles on our already extremely dangerous two lane road.