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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Zoning Changes Allowing Camp Monroe Year-Round Operation

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Dear Town of Chester Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed zoning changes that would permit Camp Monroe to operate as a year-round religious institution.

Back in August 2022, I contacted the Town of Chester Board regarding numerous complaints my husband and I made to the Chester Police Department about Camp Monroe's repeated violations of the Town's Noise Pollution Control Laws. At that time, I also worked with Brandon Holdridge to have these laws reviewed and updated to better protect residents' quality of life.

While this proposal specifically benefits Camp Monroe, it would ultimately affect all AR-3 zoned areas—approximately 70% of the Town of Chester. Allowing these zoning and code changes to move forward would have a significant negative impact not only on my home and neighborhood, but on the broader community as well. Such a change would greatly disrupt the peace and tranquility of our town due to the excessive noise, increased traffic, and constant activity that would result from year-round use.

There are no positive outcomes to be gained from this proposal—only negative impacts to our community, our property values, and the overall quality of life that Chester residents currently enjoy.

I strongly urge the Board to consider the lasting consequences this would have on local residents and to reject any zoning changes that would allow Camp Monroe—or any similar property—to operate beyond its current seasonal use.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Gaffney
Town of Chester Resident