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Dear Sydney:

I am writing this follow-up note regarding the public notice for 4517 East Buckeye Road owned by Bradd and Christine Draheim. It is my understanding that this notice is required as the Draheims wish to build on to their large garage in the rear of the property where they currently have one large garage and two sheds. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding this request of the Draheims.

There is an unfortunate history where the Draheims, or those on their property, have destroyed or damaged my property. Specifically, Bradd bulldozed trees and bushes and other plant debris onto my property causing significant damage. He did pay a company to "restore" my property, but it was never the same. Other violations include backing vehicles into my fence and bending my fence. Bradd and others on his property have also piled large amounts of refuse between his garage and my fence and have piled so much junk material there that it has bent my fence. Recently, after a brief phone conversation where Bradd informed me of his intention to build onto his garage, he did remove some junk material from the east side of his garage leaning on my fence to the west side of his garage (apparently in response to my comments that his refuse was bending the fence). The refuse piled up around his garage is very significant; most of it has been there for years and it just rots or rusts away. There are usually many vehicles on his property and

at least his large truck has not been functional for about 2 years and now sits in the back yard.

Other violations include allowing his cats to roam the neighborhood and defecating on my property regularly. Persons on his property have cut tree branches leaning over the fence (which he may indeed have a legal right to do as long as he doesn't damage the tree). Also, there are grape vines growing on the fence providing food for wild turkeys and other wild animals; these vines have been cut down (by persons on his property). I have also experienced foul language one time by the person who cut the vines. That prompted yet another letter from me to the Draheims requesting that they not allow people on their property to swear and yell as we often have little children on our property.

It appears the Draheims have taken in renters on their property often. I have observed personally one such person yelling at a man walking his dog because the dog urinated on the Draheim terrace. That same renter I noticed one evening urinating off the back of the deck in the Draheim back yard.

This gives you a brief overview of my experience as Bradd's next door neighbor. I have never destroyed Bradd's property. I have never done anything to attempt to cause harm in any way to his property.

It is my understanding that Bradd intends to start a welding business of his own using the expanded garage on his property, although Bradd did not tell me that. Obviously it is not my decision whether this is granted or not. I do have concerns. There is already a welding business there as people have come to his property to get things welded. He welds out of his large truck as well as his garage now. This process is noisy, at late hours sometimes and produces pollution. The idea of living in a residential neighborhood next to a welding business is not something I look forward to. OSHA has noted significant health risks of breathing in air near welding machinery, not to mention fire hazards, chemical hazards, etc.

I am a licensed beekeeper in Madison and my very small hive operation (3-5 hives any given year) sits relatively close to the large garage now. It was moved closer due to the bike path and trying to keep hives away from pedestrians and bikers on the path. Honeybees are difficult to maintain the past decade or so due to so many environmental hazards and more caustic gases will likely not help my bees.

I am quite concerned about keeping the area clean of refuse. There are currently piles of refuse against his garage. This, with his expanding business, will only get worse given the history of how he just throws garbage against his garage and my fence.

I am not certain of the plan to make sure refuse does not continue to end up on my property or against my fence causing damage as well as a very unsightly view for my family. If he intends to put rocks down to help drainage, then I am at a disadvantage as the drainage will certainly be onto my property as his garage is so close to my property now. Will there be a barrier built to help make sure no more junk ends up on my property and that I will not have a water drainage disadvantage?

I am also concerned about traffic. East Buckeye is a very busy corridor. Vehicles drive at excessive speeds daily. I just hope that safety and decorum will prevail if there is a significant increase in traffic next door.

Thanks for taking the time to listen to my comments and concerns. I always support healthy entrepreneurship. I hope, if Bradd's request is granted, that there will be built into the agreement safeguards to make sure our neighborhood is protected and that property rights are safeguarded.

Sincerely,

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