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Planning Commission,

I was supposed to speak at last night's meeting but fell asleep in front of my computer. And it wasn't because the meeting was boring - it was fascinating, and I can't believe what a diligent job you all do. It's just that I'm an old fogey not used to late nights.

Anyway, I'm sorry I didn't do what I wanted to. But here what I would have said:

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Those of us who live along Pontiac Trail love the neighborhood. Beautiful trees. Wild turkeys. And the street itself - it's almost like a country road, quiet and without much traffic. Kids riding their bikes, people walking their dogs.

The Ripple development will seriously damage the quality of life in our neighborhood. We'll lose trees, and what will we gain? Concrete sidewalks and curbs - things we don't want. There will be more traffic on Pontiac Trail. And probably faster traffic, which will make it more dangerous for both kids and adults.

This development is a bad idea. It is something that one developer supports, and a whole neighborhood opposes. How democratic is that? Is money what calls the shots in Madison these days?

I urge you to do what's best for the people of Pontiac Trail - don't let this development ruin one of Madison's most peaceful, beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Best regards,  
Al Shackelford