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Planning and Zoning Commission
Town of North Haven, Annex Building
5 Linsley Street
North Haven, CT 06473

RE: APPLICATION FOR UPPPER SLATE SCHOOL

To Whom it May Concern:

I was in zoom attendance on Tuesday evening to hear the opposition to the Upper Slate School Project and unfortunately I could not get my audio to work. I'm writing to provide you with what I was going to say in opposition to this project going forward.

Good evening, My name is Catherine Salvo and I live at 65 Blue Hills Rd. I have lived in North Haven for over 30 years. I want to say that I oppose this plan to develop this parcel on 5100 Ridge Road.

I want to clarify that we DO NOT oppose the school, we DO NOT oppose the curriculum, we DO NOT oppose the teachers---we are pro-education. But what we DO oppose is the location, and that is the location of a fairly large structure situated on a very small 2.8 acre parcel. This is just too much development on such a small piece of land. It is a far cry from the setting and the amount of land where the lower Slate School exists. There is absolutely no comparison between the two locations.

We moved to the Blue Hills Road area because we loved the rural character of the neighborhood, we love the narrow streets, we love the low traffic, we love how quiet the area is, and we love how spacious the lots are relative to the sizes of the existing homes. **We believe that great planning and zoning strives to retain the unique character of its neighborhoods.** The scale of this project is just too large for the parcel. We wish to preserve what we already have and what we already enjoy and we urge the planning and zoning commission to honor the wishes of the existing residents that actually live in the area. We ask that you deny this project.

Thank you!

Sincerely

Catherine Salvo