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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I'm very concerned about the proposed quarry project near Santa Margarita.
I have lived in Santa Margarita over 25 years, and my house is located about 200 yards from highway 58. This highway valley leading into town seems to funnel the traffic noise into my neighborhood, and I have already installed special noise dampening windows which still do not stop motorcycle and truck noise from penetrating. Large trucks often use Jake brakes coming down the incline on highway 58 into town which causes a very loud sound for an extended period of time. I'm very concerned that an additional 200+ heavy trucks driving to and from the proposed quarry each day will greatly increase the noise to my residential neighborhood. We already must cope with the noise pollution from train horns in the middle of the night and vineyard propane cannons blasting during harvest season, and additional heavy truck noise would greatly exacerbate this issue and leave us with few moments of peace and quiet.

Since I live directly across the street from the Santa Margarita Elementary school, I see everyday how highway 58 and H street get backed up when parents attempt to drop off or pick-up their children. Each school bus is required to stop at the railroad tracks which prolongs the congestion. Additional heavy truck traffic will only add to the congestion at the corner of highway 58 and H street. During funerals or events near town, I have seen traffic back up on highway 58 for a long way. The applicant claims they will only run trucks at certain times of the day to mitigate traffic issues, but what legal mandate will require them to run trucks at certain times? Who will monitor for compliance and what will be the penalties if they don't schedule trucks to mitigate traffic congestion?

Lastly I do not think that the proposed site is appropriate for a second quarry in Santa Margarita. This is an area of several residential homes, and many people have bought property and built houses here in order to enjoy a quiet country lifestyle. If a large industrial operation is opened it will not only cause their properties to lose value, but will also threaten our community's unique way of life and many of the things we value most about living in this close-knit town.

Sincerely.
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