

To Whom It Shall Concern:

As immediate neighbors, this testimony is in response to the requested variance by Mr. Robert Blume of Blume & Sons, LLC for the property located at 946 Medina Road, Marshall, WI – Town of Medina ('The Property').

The stated reason for Appeal 3729 is that Mr. Blume intends to lease the property to US Storage, stacking storage containers three (3) high along the property fence-line. The variance request will allow the Lessee to place their product in such a manner.

As our neighborhood (High Chaparral Road) is in direct proximity to the property (across State Highway 73), many will have a direct view of the proposed storage yard. Hence, there's an interest as noted in DCO 10.101(10)(g), about compatibility with neighborhood character along without creating a substantial detriment to adjacent property.

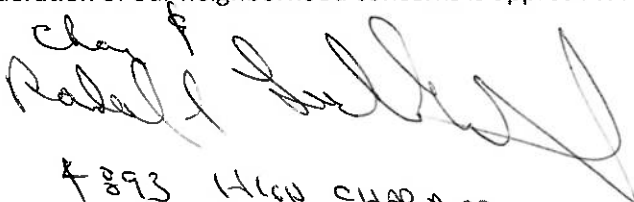
Although the property has been visually improved, we do have reservations about the abrupt nature of the property usage proposed.

The property was re-developed in the fall of 2023 (as a trucking company) - yet is now being revamped again to allow for a different going concern for Mr. Blume's benefit. What assurances do we have as a neighborhood that we won't have yearly changes in business types across the highway, in view of our residences?

Accordingly, we've attempted to work with Mr. Blume over the past year to mitigate the light pollution emanating from his facility with minimal cooperation. Thus, while we acknowledge he's within all county zoning regulations for said lighting, we have minimal confidence in his willingness to "mitigate any negative effects on neighboring property owners" (as stated in Appeal 3729). Valid questions raised at our Town Planning Commission meeting on 9/24 were minimally addressed by Mr. Blume's representative. We'd also note that over 85% of the support letters in Exhibit 6 (Appeal 3729) are from varied residencies that are not in immediate vicinity to the property (i.e. ½ mile or less).

As long-time residents of the immediate vicinity of the property, we'd ask the Board of Appeal to consider this variance granting on a *probationary basis* – a motion for permanent variance then being possible in October 2025. This pause would give the immediate neighborhood the confidence that Mr. Blume is adhering to the terms being requested in the variance for the said purpose of a 'storage site'. The consideration of our neighborhood concerns is appreciated in this matter.

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