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Dear ZLR Committee,

I am writing in opposition of **Ordinance Amendment 2024 OA-23**.

Our township has already witnessed first hand what happens when an outside entity, made up of people who do not reside in our community and have no stake or interest in what is best for our community, takes control of decision making.

As you are all aware, there is a contentious ongoing battle with a gravel pit CUP that was forced on our town by the ZLR. Going back over audio of the meetings we attended it is obvious that our concerns as residents were not only not heard, but outright ignored. Numerous times falsehoods were presented to ZLR, ZLR did not allow rebuttal of concerns based on what "staff experts" and representatives for the pit had reported. Numerous times false statements were made regarding the "status quo" of our neighborhood, even comparing our rural area to Camp Randall in Madison. Numerous times we asked to be heard and were ignored, and, finally, told not to "waste (our) time of the ZLR...".

Town board members are voted in by town residents, based on what they believe the residents want for their township. People that do not live here do not know the town, the people, the history, the feel, of the town. They base decisions on reports from "staff experts" who do not live in the towns, and know nothing about the towns. Living in an area is the best expertise there is, not reports and data and "status quo" numbers. What works in one town may not work in another. Dane County ZLR has no idea what living in a small, rural town is like.

As is evident in the audio tapes of our joint Town and ZLR meetings, the best interests of Dane County are not necessarily the best interests of our small towns. Small towns should not be made the dumping grounds for garbage Dane County does not want in their landfills. You need to work harder to site these industries in areas where there is not incompatible land use, such as residential areas.

Town boards should be required to take care of town business in a timely manner. That is what they were elected to do.

Dane County should not be in control of the lives of people living in the towns that make up the county. Please, do the right thing and let towns keep local control.

Sincerely,
Robyn Wood
Town of Rutland