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RE: CUP 02584 – Non-metallic mineral extraction operation, temporary concrete batch plant, and temporary asphalt plant

I am writing to give comments about the public hearing on March 28, 2023, regarding CUP 02584. My husband and I strongly oppose Tri-County's proposal requesting approval to set up mining operations in the Town of Dane.

Our property is 21.4 acres, of which 20 acres are wooded and enrolled in the WI DNR Managed Forest Law (MFL) program. We are located within a mile of the proposed mine site. Per the DNR's program summary, the MFL is a law that incorporates timber harvesting, wildlife management, water quality and recreation to maintain a healthy and productive forest.

Deer, Turkeys, Coyotes, Fox, Racoons, and many species of birds call our property home. We are certain that allowing mining operations on Bonetti Road would negatively affect wildlife on our property. Blasting operations will most definitely push wildlife out of our area. Several years ago, we owned a home on the far west side of Madison near the Wingra stone quarry and experienced first-hand the affects that blasting has on a home and neighborhood. The heavy truck traffic will endanger the lives of wildlife that does stay; not to mention residents and their pets that walk in the area daily.

The Town of Dane's comprehensive plan aligns with the state of Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program. A large mining operation does not align with that plan. Destruction of a parcel of land currently used for crops, noise pollution, increased traffic including heavy trucks and possible environmental and water pollution issues are, in my opinion, exactly why a farmland preservation program is needed.

I am confident that the Town of Dane board will side with its residents and agree that approving a mining operation is not in the best interest of the township as it supplies no benefit to the township. I urge you, Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee members, to deny the CUP request to show solidarity with residents of the area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill and Teresa Haymes