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**Subject:** RE: Helbach Cup Renewal and Modification Application-6993 Applewood Drive-Melissa and Casey Helbach

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Subject: Cup Renewal and Modification Application of Casey and Melissa Helbach as owners of single family residence at 6993 Applewood Drive, Town of Middleton

A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 27, 2024 on the application of Casey and Melissa Helbach, the owners of the single family residence located at 6993 Applewood Drive in the Town of Middleton to renew and revise the terms of the CUP they obtained previously to use their residence property for transient or tourist lodging in consideration of rents paid by their customers. We (Tom and Karen Zilavy) live at 6967 Applewood Drive and we hereby object to the renewal of the CUP for the Helbachs and if the CUP is renewed notwithstanding our objections, we also object to the changes in the current CUP terms and conditions requested by the Helbachs in their current application for renewal. The reasons for our objections and the request for the government to deny the renewal of the CUP and its renewal with the changes requested by the Helbachs are as follows: Applewood is a small single family neighborhood which consists of around 41 single family homes. The homes in Applewood, except for one which unfortunately is permitted to be used as a commercial day care, are owned and occupied by persons, including families with small children, who use the homes for their personal residence. The entire neighborhood is served by a road which circles the entire neighborhood and which is accessed by one driveway from County HY. M. The circle road is used by residents including children of residents for walking and exercising. The road is also used frequently by persons who do not live in Applewood but who live close enough for it to be a frequent source of exercise for such additional persons. The neighborhood is generally close knit and friendly and cooperative. It is our opinion that for one of the homes to be dedicated for use as a commercial rental unit is inconsistent with the nature of the neighborhood and would constitute a threat to the nature of this small but outstanding residential area. Any commercial renter of the Helbach's home is unlikely to be aware of the nature and operation of the neighborhood, or be aware of how the residents function as neighbors or be aware of or care how the residents on a daily basis use the road without sidewalks for travel and exercise. We are of the opinion that allowing a commercial rental operation like the Helbach wish to create and operate will pose a significant risk to the peace, quiet, and safety of the neighborhood. Another reason we oppose what the Helbachs would like to do with their former home is because they have never approached their neighbors to discuss what and why they would like to convert their home to a commercial rental operation and to listen to the concerns that their neighbors have about the presence of commercial renters. We are of the opinion that the use the Helbachs propose is inconsistent with the spirit of the applicable single family zoning regulations and the benefits to the community in general of having neighborhoods like the one which currently exists in Applewood. Respectfully,  
Tom and Karen Zilavy