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To whom it may concern:

I am extremely concerned about the proposed sound variance application from Excel Energy regarding "general construction/demolition equipment and domestic power tools" discussed in your letter of April 7 to neighborhood residents. I am a condo owner and resident of the Mississippi Flats building on the corner of Eagle Street and Shepard Road. My condo faces Shepard Road, and most importantly, my bedroom faces Shepard Road.

First, the description you provide is too general. What is this project? Why will it take two weeks of continuous noise? Has Excel Energy investigated other, less disruptive methods for achieving their goal. What is their goal? Why didn't your letter state it?

I am 80 years old with several serious chronic conditions and I will not be able to attend the hearing. At 7 a.m. each morning, I am sound asleep, as I'm sure other building residents are, too. So any work should not begin until 8 a.m. It is critical to remember that **people actually live here!** I do not want to have a heart attack caused by the sudden sounds of heavy equipment early in the morning. This really scares me.

What does "continuous operation (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) while tunneling through RR Zone A" for two weeks mean? What kind of noise? What level? I do not know how loud 60.6 decibels is. You need to explain this. I assume that twenty-four hours a day includes the overnight hours when people are trying to sleep. This sounds ridiculous! What are they talking about? Would you like to live with continuous noise under your bedroom for two weeks without stop?

These concerns are serious and need your urgent attention. I'm sure that I'm not the only resident here with these concerns. Thanks for your help and your action.

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