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Good morning.  
  
I am writing to your committee to voice my concern for the proposed building of the multi-family homes off of Coley Davis/Morton Mill Roads. I have lived in Bellevue for over 20+ years in two different homes. I currently live off of Morton Mill Road, so I am very aware of the ongoing debate, communications, and concerns.  
  
I have read all the materials that have been sent to us by both the Texas developer and Mr. Rosenberg letting us know that our voiced concerns have no merit. We have heard by both groups that our knowledge and lived experiences in Bellevue, and the continuing flooding issues, are not valid. I am very concerned that we, and our fellow neighbors in Bellevue, are not being represented and heard. I have written to our representatives to inform them of my family’s concerns—and I am now writing to you.  
  
Our residential subdivision has one (1) entrance to get to our homes. It is off of Morton Mill Road—which is a narrow two lane road that has need of ongoing repairs. We are but one( 1) of at least four (4) subdivisions that travel this same road to get in and out of our houses daily. The information that has been provided by both Mr. Rosenberg and the developer have informed us that the developer’s plan is to only use this same narrow road during the hours of 7:00 am until about 6:00 pm to deliver both building materials and the manpower that they will need to construct the proposed buildings. This is the exact same time frame that the majority of our current children and families leave their homes to go to work and school. This is also the same road that has flooded on a number of different occasions—not just the 2010 flood. That flooding left two (2) of the four (4) neighborhoods without any means of leaving our homes. We were basically an island. We have also been informed by Mr. Rosenberg and the Texas developer (neither who live in this neighborhood) that the flooding will never happen again—but we have had similar issues of flooding just within the last several years. I can send pictures to the committee where the local golf course down the street lost several buildings and materials from flooding not more than a year ago. Once again our 2 lane Morton Mill road left us without a means to get out of our homes. These are real life occurrences that are valid, concerning, and not being given the credence that they deserve. It seems from the communications that we are receiving from Mr. Rosenberg that he is listening to, and representing, the Texas developer and certainly not the people of Bellevue.  
  
The materials that have been sent to us also let us know that they plan on adding bridges and additional greenways—but do not take into consideration that they will be destroying areas where wildlife currently live, and that we visit on our walks on the current greenway system. The greenway on Morton Mill Road that we currently have is in disrepair and has needs—as a tree fell on the walkway from recent heavy rainfall months ago—and they have yet to come to fix the damage. This leaves individuals using the current greenway having to walk out on to the street—and the ongoing traffic that currently uses the narrow road. I have witnessed near collisions with bikes and people having to use Morton Mill Road and face oncoming vehicles. If we cannot take care of the current greenways—explain how they will be taking care of any additional proposed greenways? The Texas developer will not be here to do so—and Mr. Rosenberg is obviously not even aware of the current state his local area greenways are in.  
  
More importantly, I would like you to know that Bellevue is a wonderful diverse family neighborhood with both young and old. It is a nice place to live—as we are not in the middle of the “IT CITY” and it’s massive renovations and building projects. If there is to be any type of building in our area—let us truly look into building family houses—rather than multi-unit buildings. (And, more importantly, not building these homes in well-known flood areas.) Leave that type of construction to urban Nashville—and allow Bellevue to continue to be a quiet family town. (And not add additional apartment style housing.) Look at the rapid growth on Charlotte Road (just down the street from Bellevue) as an example of overbuilding and little to no added infrastructure to accommodate the additional people and traffic. This is not the kind of development that Bellevue should look forward to in its future.  
  
I am asking that the commissioner and this committee listen to the people who live here—and listen to our valid thoughts and concerns. We live here, work here, and know what is actually occurring here. I appreciate that the Texas developer likes our Tennessee area—but once he and his company develop the area—they will be out and back in The Woodlands/Houston area where it is now overdeveloped and overcrowded. I know that area of Texas as I had family who once lived there—and know that he has no real interest for Tennessee or Bellevue other than to build and make a return on his dollar. He, or his companies, will not be here to help Bellevue and it’s residents when the next flooding occurs.  
  
I appreciate your thoughtful consideration on this matter. Please do not vote “YES” for this proposed development.  
  
Jennifer Rundberg