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CC: Congressman Gus Bilirakis, State Senator Blaise Ingoglia and State Representative Jeff Holcomb

Dear Hernando County Board of County Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the planning application 11-24-70 for the proposed development at Waterfall Drive, Placid Street, Page Lane and Baton Avenue. As a resident of Page Lane I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts this project will have on our community particularly regarding:

**Traffic**

The traffic has increased on Waterfall Drive tremendously. Drivers are now speeding. Non local delivery trucks cutting through from Spring Hill Drive to County Line Road has also increased. This has threatened the safety of our children and the wildlife surrounding this property. The traffic will also increase even more due to new residents.

**Overcrowding**

This is a well established neighborhood and this development can and will alter our character. For one, I do not believe everyone was made aware of the fact that this property /lots were made available for sale. If this would have been the case I would have been involved to purchase it. One of the reasons we purchased this property in 2012 was because of that land. I strongly believe that if this decision was made for Southern Valley Homes to have this property we, the neighbors, should be involved on how many and what it will look like.

**Environmental Impact**

There is a lot of wildlife present in this property. They will be displaced does no one care?! There are: yellow box turtle nests, soft shell turtles, squirrels, monarch butterflies, assorted birds(blue Jays, mockingbirds, finches ,Sandhill cranes, Egrets, family of Merlin falcons, rabbits etc. Populations have dwindled because of speeding cars and trucks and now we are taking away their home.

This area is used by neighbors to do exercise, entertain themselves and meet and greet. I know that because of this area many neighbors do not have flood insurance since it is a retention pond. Everyone counts on it to continue retaining the water during the hurricane emergencies; such is the case during Milton in 2024.

I urge the County Commission to carefully review this application and deny the proposed development based on the concerns outlined above. I believe that approving this project will harm the quality of life of our residents. Please consider my objections and contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely, Francines Sosa