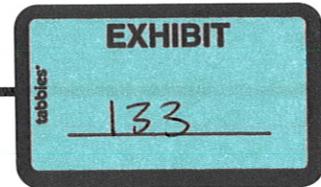


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Hello. I am writing as a concerned citizen of the beautiful town of Eagle and I am ADAMANTLY opposed to the ERS project. It is way too big of a shopping center and does not fit into our community. We moved to this town because it is a unique and quaint little mountain town and this project will greatly diminish the very charm that we were seeking. In fact if this project is approved, I for one will be looking to move to Minturn, Carbondale, Marble, Crested Butte or other communities that are opposed to such unnecessary and obtrusive development.

I work The Chateau in Beaver Creek and I just took an extremely wealthy family to the jet center and on our drive to the airport they were commenting on the beautiful horses running through the very pasture that would be made into a shopping center. When I told them this they seemed quite upset and even though they are in commercial development themselves, they agreed wholeheartedly with me that this is the wrong project for our little town and would take away from the charm.

I also do not agree that people will be coming from Carbondale, Basalt, Steamboat or other surrounding areas to shop here regularly. Perhaps we would see some traffic from these areas but not enough to support the enormity of this project. I am afraid that it will be a failure and what will be left is lots of concrete and vacant buildings. Even Fort Collins has some malls that are sitting empty right now and they have a population of 150,000, If something like ERS ever does come to Eagle, it should be located in the industrial area between Eagle and Gypsum. We should be focusing on sustainable growth that does not take away from our existing businesses. I believe the future of development is in walkable communities with little local owned businesses on each corner, not outdated shopping malls that no one has any desire to go to. I also don't want a my teenage son to have a huge wasted space of a place to go and waste time that could be spent on activities outdoors.

This project will impact our scenery, our wildlife, our existing businesses and turn our town into a generic suburbia with little character left. It is not what Eagle needs at this time. Let's focus on smart, sustainable growth that will have hugely positive effects on our town and it's citizens. This project would be a huge mistake for Eagle.

Thanks.

Lynn Billings