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Dear Mayor and Westfir City Council members,

We would like to offer a cautionary word or two regarding the limited power Westfir has in the current "Rules" of the game. The single and solitary right and power the city and the citizens of Westfir have in the development proposal is land use changes.

If you allow the phased change of existing ordinances and codes, its over. The county, state, and federal government will not protect our clean environment or peaceful way of life.

Please don't blink or compromise, allowing this toxic development to proceed. No issue is larger than Asbestos. If they excavate without cleanup requirements identified and spelled out, our properties will plummet in value. Will they decontaminate our properties or be excused by some bogus government policy that the statute of limitations on Asbestos damages has passed? None of these agencies have shown a shred of integrity or concern over these issues.

No foot in the door for these toxic, unfeasible development proposals. This will require a moment of soul searching and truth for our elected representatives and the citizens of Westfir.

Thanks for your service and please think of preserving a clean and brighter future for Westfir.

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