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Ms. Barlow,

My wife and I were both born and raised in the Spokane Valley. We currently live in the Spokane Valley and both graduated from University High School, Class of 1995. We feel the need to comment against the planned future development of the former Painted Hills Golf Course.

This is an amazing opportunity for the City of Spokane Valley to capitalize on developing a large park that the city can take pride in for generations. The South Hill is known for Manito Park. Downtown is known for Riverfront Park. Discovery Park is nice but is used for more commercial outdoor activities. This area could be known for a well kept and treasured public land for all to enjoy. Large, beautiful trees left over from the golf course days still grow there, limiting the need for much landscape planting to be done. Raised green and tee areas still would provide elevations and meandering paths for walkers. The Valley will not have another opportunity to have a park of this size.

I am the Chief Operation Officer of TSI, Inc. located in Cheney. We are a trucking company that employs 1,000 people. Recently hired and relocated employees have chosen to live in the Valley but make the drive to Cheney for employment. They value the large homes and safety the Valley offers. These families have moved from Arizona, California, and Oregon to name a few. What drew them to the Valley over the Northside or South Hill was the low density housing and Central Valley Schools. We are not opposed to single, family homes being built on a small portion of the former golf course but certainly not the large amount of "housing units" designed by the developer. Apartments and duplexes would not complement the large home lots that this part of Spokane Valley is known for.

As a trucking executive, I have to comment on the number of loads that the developer would need to "Cut and Fill" the property. In hauling 328,289 cubic yards of material to the site, it will take 23,450 standard dump truck loads. This amount of loads will damage the existing roads in the area. The asphalt will absolutely have to be replaced.

We also have concerns with the flood plain in this area. While we were in high school, Painted Hills Golf Course was known to flood in the winter. There was enough frozen water that large groups from school would ice skate on the property. All these years later, when we drive by the area in the spring, we can see the large amount of standing water surrounding the golf course.

We strongly encourage the leaders of Spokane Valley to greatly limit the planned growth in this area. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to build a park and small neighborhood that will benefit future Valley generations.

Thank you for your time,
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