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Subject: Pleasantdale Truck Stop Proposal  
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Below is the email that I sent to the mayor and the board of trustees in case you want to include it on the website.

~Sarah

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From: **Sarah** [REDACTED]  
Date: Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 7:45 PM  
Subject: Pleasantdale Truck Stop Proposal  
To:

Mayor Egofske and Members of the Village Board,

The proposed truck stop on South Lemont Rd. should not be considered, because the consequences of building a truck stop in the Pleasantdale neighborhood off of a major interstate are too great. I'm heartbroken that the truck stop is even up for consideration.

My husband and I had an opportunity to move our family, but we decided to stay in our home, because we could not find any neighborhood in the surrounding area that even resembled Pleasantdale. It was also of utmost importance that my daughter graduate from St. Al's St. Pat's School and Lemont High School. Now, my daughter is a sophomore at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, and I know that we made the right decision to stay. We've turned our home into a certified natural area, apiary, and orchard, and we relish our access to Waterfall Glen and Centennial Trail.

However, I fear for my family's health and safety if you were to build this truck

stop. I am a lifelong educator and naturalist specializing in nature education, and I can not fathom why anyone would knowingly construct anything of this magnitude that will without a doubt bring unwanted crime, pollution, and financial ruin for the people of Pleasantdale and her surrounding areas.

The light pollution from this proposed truck stop will emit such harsh light at such a great distance that it will negatively affect migration patterns of birds and pollinators. It will damage the seasonal cycle of neighboring trees, and kill millions of birds that navigate by moonlight. Certainly you must understand the proximity to Waterfall Glen and how this light pollution will negatively impact wildlife, and neighbors. Can you imagine a truckstop in your front yard and how this will damage the circadian rhythm of people and other mammals.

Noise pollution will also be devastating to the Pleasantdale neighborhood and surrounding wildlife. The noise of the truckstop will cause displacement of many species, will result in a decline in animal populations, and bring a terrible quality of life to the neighborhood. Our neighborhood despite its proximity to the interstate is very quiet. This is one of the most appealing luxuries of living in Pleasantdale, and that will be stripped away by a truck stop.

Please understand the damaging change in air quality you will be bringing to Pleasantdale and everyone in the surrounding areas. A truck stop due to fossil fuel emissions will cause lung disease, strokes, and blood cancers. The risk of childhood leukemia will be exacerbated. There are NO SAFE LEVELS OF BENZENE. NONE!!!! Spills and run-off will certainly contaminate the air, soil, and water. The downward slope from the annexed property and low lying aquifers will only accelerate the effect to the ground water. The well water will not be safe. The air will not be safe, and consequently our homes will not be safe.

Truck stops as you know are havens for human, sex, and drug trafficking. The constant flow of transient people creates a seamless backdrop for the types that commit these crimes. The access to I-55 will only heighten these crimes. This truck stop that is proposed is NOT like the Gas N Wash on the east side of town. That truck stop was built in an industrial desert. It's not in a neighborhood. It does

not have close access to a major interstate, and regardless of how clean it is or how much profit it brings for Lemont, it certainly can not be worth the drugs it will funnel into our town, or the danger it will bring to the community. Trafficking will spill into the forest preserve and into our schools. It is inevitable.

The risk of human trafficking is so great that truck stops and places that serve alcohol are required to post posters that give the warning signs of trafficking, a 1-800 number to call if you are in trouble, or need to report something to authorities. Can you live with yourself if you are responsible for building anything in a neighborhood that has the potential to cause this much harm to a community?

I understand that it's your role to find means to produce revenue for Lemont. What I can't understand is how you can justify this proposal from a guy that lives down in Naples Florida that doesn't give two squats about Lemont? Do you know who does care about Lemont? The people of Pleasantdale. That's why we live here. That's why we send our kids to school here. It's why we work here. It's why we shop here. It's why we participate in activities, programs, do our banking, volunteer, coach, and are fighting tooth and nail to keep this truck stop out or any development that would harm Pleasantdale and the community.

On behalf of my family, my neighbors, and myself, I invite you to come to Pleasantdale. I will give you the grand tour myself. Heck, I'll make dinner! We can walk, jog, bike, drive, or whatever you prefer. You need to see these homes. You need to see the beautiful area that will be impacted. You need to meet the people that are raising families here.

I'm more than willing to sit down and discuss this too, but I will never tolerate nor stop fighting or be silenced until you decide that this truck stop or any development that causes such harm to people or the environment cannot be in Pleasantdale nor any neighborhood in Lemont.

Please Please Please educate yourself on THE FACTS not the slick words of some corporate attorney or gas man that is just funnelling profits into their pockets regardless of the harm it does. Think about people and the planet, not profits.

Sincerely,

Sarah

