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To all those whom this may concern,

We are writing this letter today to express our concern with the development of a 90+ home subdivision on the vacant property west of Colorado Street/ South of Venture Avenue in West Laramie.

Our reasoning for protesting this growth comes with many reasons:

- We are concerned with what this influx of people will do to our quiet neighborhood. We live in West Laramie because of its outlying location to the University of Wyoming, downtown, and the hustle and bustle of the growing Laramie community. As lifelong residents of West Laramie we cherish the quiet neighborhoods, the silent streets and traffic, and the safety of our family with lower crime rates. This large edition of homes, apartments, and town houses will add more than just population to our quiet neighborhood. With this large of growth comes higher crime rates, more noise, more littering and pollution, and more traffic.
- Another concern we have for this growth is of our neighbors and our current utility systems. The current gas, power, water, and sewer lines are old and outdated. Adding more unnecessary units onto a week system will bring nothing but outages and damage. In the current situation on Colorado, Venture, Riverside, Cottonwood, Easterling, Schrader, and Connors, you are looking at dirt roads, uneven paved streets, no striping, and lack of law-enforcement to maintain speed limits. Old powerlines going over the streets instead of under, old 1-inch waterlines to each house, and what I can even imagine is a weak and aged sewer system, will become large and extremely costly issues for the city to handle.
- Can our school system and transportation handle all the new students? Currently the only school in West Laramie is Linford. The class sizes are just right for our students to learn in and get the attention they need. If every household in this proposed subdivision has 2 kids, we are talking about 180 new students in our school system. We don't feel like Linford is equipped to handle this influx of students. We would be concerned about Laramie Junior High School being able to handle the growth as well. As for school transportation, our West Laramie students are currently getting to school and back home on buses that are overcrowded. The bus to Laramie Junior High School is sitting 3 kids to seat and the buses

to Linford are about the same. Does Laramie currently have the ability to address this concern? And what will happen when approximately 180 more kids are added to the problem?

- With this subdivision being so close to our home, we personally feel this will affect our land and animals. With more people comes more pollution, trash, and waste. Not all individuals care for our environment as we do. We already experience numerous trash products blowing across our land, getting stuck in fences, and becoming a treat for our livestock and pets. Growing the population grows the waste. Not only does the waste harm our animals, but also the additional treats some curious neighbors like to hand out which can cause serious implications when an animal eats food that is not apart of its diet. This situation currently happens on the other end of the property and we have had to take drastic measures to keep the animals safe.

With all of these concerns I hope you can see why the addition of such a large subdivision does not make sense to us.

However, we do understand that at some point growth is inevitable and the parties involved in this project will need to make their money work. We ask that the investors of this project consider the following ideas:

- Make the family home lots larger. Larger lots and more space for each resident fit our way of life in West Laramie. As stated before, the residents of West Laramie are on this side of town because of the quiet atmosphere and space it offers.
- A large retaining wall or privacy fence on the outside perimeter of all sides. This will help with the waste and give privacy to all residents, both new and old.
- Lots of landscaping and trees will help with noise control, appearance, privacy, and fresh air.
- We also ask that the parties proposing this subdivision as well as the City Council and City of Laramie Planning Commission investigate our concerns on the existing utility accommodations and the implications that may arise when more children enter our district.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, for looking into our concerns, and considering our suggestions.

Respectfully,

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