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This letter is being sent to you in regards to the proposed crematorium on the Lazy Boy site on Rt.19. I understand Mrs. Belusko's proposal was struck down twice by a 5-0 vote, yet it is still scheduled for your planning commission's meeting in April/May. I would like to inform you of our objection to this proposed use of land right in our main corridor Rt. 19. I live in Peters Twp. near the proposal site with my wife and three children. My family has a financial concern in the remaining lots in Crossgates plan #14 less than ¼ miles from the proposed crematorium. Also, my family and my children and future grandchildren have a financial interest in Thomas Plaza located ¼ to ½ miles away. I could also have a dental office in Thomas Plaza in the future, and would work there for 15-20 yrs. and possibly pass that office to one of my children. So the future of my family and future generations are going to be affected by your decision.

My wife and I are dentists. With my dental background I am aware of the mercury and its use in the dental field, so I have a unique perception on the major pollutant being discussed at these meetings. Amalgams or silver fillings, are not a danger to my patients because it is chelated form. Air borne mercury toxicity has its worst effects when introduced as an airborne toxin as with all the other particulate matter which will be inhaled. The most toxic gases are odorless and colorless for the most part. Residents, people who own and work in the businesses nearby will be at the most risk, particularly kids and expectant mothers. Pregnant women are advised to immediately contact their physician if knowingly exposed to these types of hazards. Are these the types of risks we want to bring in to our area- Rt. 19 filled with businesses, shopping areas, daycares, churches, and homes ^{THIS} is the major corridor in Peters Twp.

Which brings me to another issue with the board; Twelve years ago, Thomas Plaza had to go before for the planning commission because of complaints from 4-5 residents about how the light in that development affected their neighborhood. LIGHTS- the result was that the development, 4 two story retail offices, and commercial buildings had 36 conditions placed on them. Such as: No restaurants, no food prep, no chain link fences, no automotive of any kind, no retail on the second floor, no mechanic shops, etc..... Many of these restrictions negatively impacted our ability to develop the land. Now, 12 years later the board is being asked to accept this crematorium. It should have never gotten this far. Common sense dictates these types of businesses be located in the outer regions of a community.

Peters Township has established itself as a unique community with good infrastructure and a good blend between owning a business and raising a family. The school system is a draw as are the parks and recreational areas. This proposal would have a negative impact on the community, lowering property values, making these areas a less desirable place to move to or establish a new business in.

For all these reasons, my family and I strongly object to the crematory proposal. We will attend the appropriate meetings in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

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