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Dear Rockland Zoning Board of Appeals,

I'm writing to express my concern with the proposal to build a commercial warehouse facility at the 421 Forest St property, which is directly next door to my home, 429 Forest St. My understanding is it is the intent of the owner to utilize this facility to house heavy equipment and machinery in a quiet residential area.

My primary concerns with the proposed project are as follows:

- Diminished property value due to close proximity to my home
- Excess noise and disturbance due to operation of heavy equipment in and around the facility
- Increase of non-residential traffic on Forest Street
- Disturbances related to entry and egress of commercial vehicles from VFW Drive
 - Noise concerns
 - Vehicle lighting would point directly at my house upon entry
- Unsightly appearance of commercial facility next to residence
- Dumpster depicted on layout is close to homes (only approx. 50 ft from residential property). Dumpster should be closer to VFW Drive.
 - Attraction of mice and other vermin
 - Residential disruption via waste removal from dumpster outside of business hours
- Lack of fencing on the current layout for privacy
- Disturbances related to ongoing construction of site
- Violation of privacy, peace, and tranquility

Although this project is being proposed as a residential space with a warehouse in the back, the layout indicates a parking arrangement that would suggest the intended use of the entire property as a commercial space. I have further concerns that the residential space at 421 Forest St may later be repurposed for commercial activities, increasing overall disruption and non-residential traffic on Forest Street.

I hope these concerns will be considered prior to approving such a facility to be constructed in a quiet, residential area.

Thank you,

Kelly Thompson