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Re: Opposition to the Easton Commerce Park Project

Dear Chairman Greene and Members of the Easton Planning Commission,

As the Mayor representing the City of Easton, I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed one million square foot warehouse development at 1525 Wood Avenue, known as Easton Commerce Park. This project would have a significant negative impact regionally on public health, student safety, traffic, infrastructural capacity, the natural ecology and environment, and our economy.

The size and scope of this proposed facility is incompatible with Easton's Comprehensive Plan, FutureLV the Regional Plan, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the region enshrined in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The anticipated volume of truck traffic would place undue strain on the area's roadways and increase environmental threats from diesel fuel runoff and emissions, light, and noise. Furthermore, this project will severely impact the confirmed substandard quality of air due to particulate pollution. Additionally, there are substantial risks of water and soil contamination, directly affecting both Bushkill Creek and Delaware River watersheds.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) previously identified multiple issues with the proposed plan, including inadequate infrastructure and insufficient environmental safeguards. I urge the Planning Commission to follow LVPC's guidance and consider alternate sustainable and productive uses for this land.

While economic development is important, it must not come at the cost of public health, safety, and the character of the community. I respectfully request that the Easton Planning Commission reject the current proposal and consider a plan that is more consistent with generational growth principles keeping environmental responsibility at the forefront.

Sincerely,

Salvatore J. Panto Jr
Mayor City of Easton