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Dr. G. Kennedy Greene, Chairman  
Easton Planning Commission  
Easton City Hall  
123 S. Third Street  
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**RE: Opposition to the Easton Commerce Park Project**

Dear Chairman Greene and Members of the Easton Planning Commission,

On behalf of the citizens who live, work and commute in and around the proposed Easton Commerce Park project, I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed one million square foot warehouse development at 1525 Wood Avenue. 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 proposal is incompatible with Easton's Comprehensive Plan. The anticipated volume of truck traffic would not only place undue strain on the area's roadways but also increase environmental threats from diesel fuel runoff and emissions, light and noise. Additionally, there are potential risks to local air quality as well as the threat of water and soil contamination, directly affecting both the Bushkill Creek and Delaware River watersheds.

The LVPC previously identified multiple issues with the proposed plan. For this reason, 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 and safety. I respectfully ask that the Easton Planning Commission reject the current proposal.

In addition, this session, I re-introduced House Bill HB 750 regarding High Impact Warehouses and Distribution Centers. The intent of this legislation is to establish a local referendum process whereby municipal approval of a high-impact warehouse or distribution center will not be final unless approved by the voters at the next election. This type of proposed project is exactly why I originally introduced the legislation and would give voters the final say in approving or denying this type of project. This bill currently sits in the House of Representatives Local Government Committee.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Emrick".

Joe Emrick, Member  
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