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Dr. G. Kennedy Greene, Chairman
Easton Planning Commission
Easton City Hall
123 S. Third Street
Easton, PA 18042

Re: Opposition to the Easton Commerce Park Project

Dear Chairman Greene and Members of the Easton Planning Commission,

As the County Executive of Northampton County, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed one million square foot warehouse development at 1525 Wood Avenue, known as the Easton Commerce Park.

I fully appreciate the importance of the jobs created by the logistics industry and deeply respect the hard work of the people who hold those jobs. But as I have long said, Northampton County doesn't need any more warehouses. While I am not naïve enough to think the era of warehouse proliferation has entirely come to an end, what I do know is that this site is wholly inappropriate for such use and will create deleterious environmental impacts and traffic nightmares for the community.

The size and scope of this proposed facility are incompatible with Easton's Comprehensive Plan, FutureLV: The Regional Plan, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values enshrined in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The anticipated volume of truck traffic would place undue strain on our already burdened roadways and increase threats from diesel fuel runoff, harmful emissions, excessive light, and noise pollution. Furthermore, the project would further degrade the region's air quality through increased particulate pollution and poses significant risks of water and soil contamination, threatening both the Bushkill Creek and Delaware River watersheds.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) has already identified multiple issues with this plan, including inadequate infrastructure and insufficient environmental safeguards. I strongly urge the Easton Planning Commission to follow the LVPC's guidance and reject this proposal in favor of more sustainable, thoughtful, and productive uses for this land.

Economic growth is important, but it must never come at the expense of our residents' health, safety, or our community's unique character. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Easton Planning Commission deny this proposal and instead pursue opportunities that will benefit the community without sacrificing our environmental integrity or quality of life.

Sincerely,

Lamont G. McClure
Executive, County of Northampton