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Dear council member,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to express my deep concerns and opposition regarding the proposed approval of a large waste transfer station in our community. I firmly believe that such a facility would bring about significant negative consequences that would detrimentally impact our neighborhood and the well-being of its residents.

One of the primary concerns regarding a waste transfer station of this magnitude is the potential harm it poses to our environment. These facilities are known to emit noxious odors, increase noise pollution, and release harmful pollutants into the air. By allowing such a station to operate near residential areas, we risk compromising the quality of life and health of our community members. The additional traffic generated by waste transportation would exacerbate air pollution levels, further degrading the already fragile state of our local environment.

Furthermore, the proposed location of this waste transfer station presents grave public health risks. These facilities often attract vermin and pests, which can spread diseases and pose serious health hazards to nearby residents. The mishandling of waste materials and the potential for toxic substances to be released during the sorting process may have detrimental effects on the long-term well-being of our community, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

Moreover, the approval of a large waste transfer station could have significant negative economic consequences for our community. Property values are likely to decline, making it challenging for homeowners to sell their properties or secure fair prices for their investments. Local

businesses may also suffer as potential customers may be deterred by the presence of a waste management facility, leading to a decrease in patronage and potential closures. This, in turn, could result in a loss of employment opportunities and a decline in economic growth for our community.

Considering the aforementioned concerns, I urge the council to reconsider the approval of the proposed waste transfer station. It is essential to explore alternative solutions for effective waste management that prioritize sustainability and community well-being. This may include investing in decentralized waste processing facilities, promoting recycling and composting initiatives, and encouraging the use of innovative technologies to minimize waste generation and maximize resource recovery.

I strongly advocate for the council to conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment, taking into account the concerns and perspectives of residents, environmental experts, and public health professionals. By involving all stakeholders in an inclusive decision-making process, we can ensure that the best interests of our community are upheld and that sustainable solutions are prioritized.

In conclusion, I firmly oppose the approval of a large waste transfer station in our community due to the significant environmental, public health, and economic concerns it presents. I implore you to reconsider this decision and to actively seek alternative solutions that will protect our environment, preserve public health, and promote the long-term prosperity of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the objections raised by concerned citizens and make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community as a whole.

Yours sincerely,