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Dear Commissioners – On Wednesday you will hear and decide upon a minor modification request from Whitehall Lane Winery that will, by default include allowing outside events until at least 8pm 60 times per year.

We know that our lives and the lives of our neighbors will be irreparably harmed if this modification is approved. We invite you to stop by our home or neighborhood to see how profoundly quiet and undisturbed it is after 6pm. Parties for 80 people celebrating birthdays, graduations, corporate gatherings and the like do not belong in outside spaces here, particularly in the evening hours. The Leonardinis (owners of Whitehall Lane) are aware of this, and we were united in our efforts to successfully deny these event rights to the Del Dotto Winery immediately north of us several years back.

Our family is in the wine business and we are sensitive to the role visitors and marketing events play in our economic wellbeing both individually and collectively as an industry. But we also believe in the rule and spirit of the AgPreserve. We feel that the events explained to us as potentially occurring at Whitehall Lane and specifically solicited on their website (see screen shots attached) are in violation of that rule and spirit and are primarily designed to raise revenue as an event space more reasonably suited for a more urban location.

Tori and I would welcome any questions you may have with respect to our concerns via email, text or phone, and would be happy to welcome you to our property for a more physical review if you are interested in learning more.

Respectfully submitted,

John Williams & Tori Williams

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