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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed motorsports park near HWY 42 and Sawmill Parkway. I am an avid racing fan, of all types of racing. When I was younger, I used to race at National Trails Raceway every Wednesday when they had their competitive points races. I had a purpose built drag car for these races. I later started racing autocross on the weekends, again, with a car I intentionally purchased just for that purpose. Being a bit older now and new responsibilities, I no longer race. I do, however, enjoy taking my sons to the races in the summer. It's a great attraction to get people outside, and spend time with friends and family. That being said, there are good places for race tracks, and not so good places for the tracks. This proposed site unfortunately I feel is not the right place for this track. Growing up, I used to live 2.5 miles away from Lima Land Speedway. Every Friday night, I remember sitting inside our house and hearing the race cars run the track until after dark. We could hear them, as if they were racing in our back yard. Again, that was at a distance of 2.5 miles away. This proposed site is located only 1 mile from neighborhoods to the north, and 1.5 miles to neighborhoods to the east. This does not take into consideration any future developments in the area as well. These modified or purpose built cars and carts will be heard from long distances, well into residential areas. There really isn't any sound walls in existence that will block the sounds from the track. For reference, the average shotgun is around 150 db. How far into town can you hear Blackwing Shooting Center? The average jet takes off at 140 db. It's generally pretty noticeable on the west side of town when a jet takes off from the Delaware Airport. The average race car is 100 to 150 db. This sound will travel, and it is not short bursts of gunshot, or a minute of a jet taking off. This would be extended periods of noise pollution heard in our residential areas. I see on Resolute Motorsport's web site that they say they can help quiet your car and keep it under a certain noise level. I honestly don't buy into that. For one reason, adding anything to mute the sound will impact performance, contradicting the whole reason they are going to a race track in the first place. Secondly, there are so many different designs of exhausts on cars, that there really isn't a universal simple way to add something to your car to make it quieter. There would almost certainly need to be permanent modification to a car that wants to run on the track in order to reduce the decibel levels if needed. Lastly, who would be monitoring the noise level, how and where would it be monitored from, and what consequences would be in place if the noise levels were broken? Putting the annoyance of disturbing the peace aside, this is a prime real estate location. This land could be put to better use for extending the industrial district, or creating a commercial gateway into Delaware's west side. Proposing this land use for a race track does not benefit Delaware or the surrounding community. I appreciate the idea of a race track in Delaware County, but the close proximity to the city is not the right place, when there is plenty of rural land available within a close radius to Columbus. Thank you for the opportunity to send this letter, and voice my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

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