Good afternoon [Recipient Name],

I reside in the Lantern Chase subdivision and am writing to you on behalf of several concerned residents.

We have identified a very large and active bald eagle's nest in the woods between Connaught and the farmland currently being reviewed for zoning. It appears that a planned road would cut directly through this area, which puts the nest in significant jeopardy.

As you may be aware, bald eagles are protected by both state law and the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. This legislation makes it illegal to disturb eagles, their nests, or their eggs. Key guidelines for compliance include:

- Buffer Zones: Maintaining a minimum distance of 100 yards (330 feet) from nests.
- Construction Restrictions: No tree clearing should occur within 330 feet of a nest. Activities within 660 feet should be avoided between January 15 and July 31 to prevent nest abandonment or interference with breeding.
- Penalties: Violations of these federal protections can result in substantial fines and legal action.

Given these protections, we ask that the current zoning and road plans be reviewed to ensure the safety of this nest and compliance with federal and state regulations.

This nest has been reported to ODNR. We want to ensure the nest, and the eagles are not disturbed and would like to view other alternatives to a road in that area without removing any of the habitat within the legal parameters of 330-660 feet around the nest.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Catlyn Trowbridge