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Please submit these comments for the public hearing on the Meena proposal.

I am a Tamworth resident and a member of the Conservation Commission and the town's groundwater protection ordinance committee. Our committee worked hard for more than a year to develop a proposed ordinance to submit to town meeting. We made several revisions in response to constructive comments we received at three public hearings, and the ordinance was overwhelmingly approved at the March town election.

From that perspective, I am writing to ask that you reject the proposed gas station.

It is important to honor and enforce the environmental protections that our citizens have voted to put in place. In Tamworth, some residents were skeptical about enacting a groundwater protection ordinance, but after we heard and responded to their concerns, and people had a chance to learn more about groundwater protection, the voters of the town approved the ordinance. We were very pleased that the vote brought Tamworth in

line with most of the neighboring towns that already have groundwater protection ordinances. Obviously, our groundwater is a regional resource, and all towns in the region should protect the resource by enforcing the ordinances we have enacted.

The site for this proposed gas station is a particularly inappropriate one from the standpoint of protecting the groundwater that we all rely on in the Ossipee Aquifer.

The flaws in the proposal have been well documented. Please reject the proposal.

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