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To: The Effingham Planning Board

RE: Input regarding a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) in Effingham.

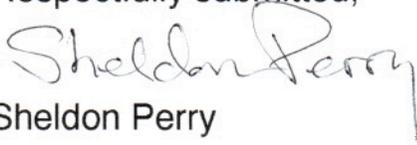
Dear Effingham Planning Board,

As a development of regional impact, the Tamworth Planning Board would expect to be informed of the latest developments regarding the Meena LLC application. This would include the complete and final documents as presented for the site plan review Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 17. A zoom link for the public benefit is encouraged. Thank you.

The protection of clean drinking water is highly valued by the residents in Tamworth with the recent adoption of the Tamworth Groundwater Protection Ordinance. Each town within the Ossipee watershed has the shared responsibility to protect this vital natural resource. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, the protection of the Ossipee Aquifer is dependent on the best process and decisions made by municipal officials.

The Tamworth Planning Board stands by our letter to the Effingham Planning Board dated March 23, 2022. The proposed development is a prohibited use on a sensitive site within Effingham's Groundwater Protection District. The approval of a variance to allow this prohibited development sets a precedent which will encourage further inappropriate developments, thus weakening and threatening our own efforts to protect this essential resource. Even the slightest risk is an unacceptable risk when our drinking water is at stake.

Respectfully submitted,



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