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Effingham Planning Board,

I live in the neighboring town of Tamworth, a community that depends on the Ossipee Aquifer for clean drinking water. I have grave concerns about the proposed siting of the gas station, and the variances that you are considering.

I attended the last planning board meeting and was dismayed that time was not allowed for public comment. Like many in the audience, I had much to say about the proposal and felt shut out. I also was bothered by the lack of Zoom access to the meeting.

As planning board members, I believe that you should do all you can to regulate land uses that may contribute to pollutants. I do not believe that you are following best practices for keeping our groundwater pure: if you were, you would not allow the tanks to be sited closer than 500 feet from the water supply. Your group seems to be choosing to abide by the EPA standards, which may be legally acceptable; but hardly constitutes a gold standard.

I appreciate the work you do and understand that this is a complex issue. Please allow the public to express their concerns, open Zoom access to the meeting and then do everything you can to protect our precious ground water resource.

Thank you for your time and work,  
Ellen Farnum, Tamworth, NH