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Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing this letter to inform you of our grave concerns with the proposed temple that they are planning to build at 11801 Laurel Bowie Road. They have demonstrated their character of having no regard for their neighborhood or their neighbor's homes or properties. This is a rural residential neighborhood next to the Patuxent Research Refuge. When the house was purchased, it was understood that a mother and her son were to live there, and she even received a financial break on the sale because she was a first-time homeowner. We never realized it was going to be converted into a temple.

Our home is 11703 Laurel Bowie Road which already had bad enough traffic before the temple. There is now always traffic in front of our home where the four lanes of traffic merge down to two. We become very anxious sitting in the traffic on this stretch of road, which is notoriously dangerous and has had at least one fatality in recent years. Traffic with their plans will only become worse and we fear that more traffic will lead to more accidents and injuries. Additionally, there are always people who use our driveway to turn around and go back towards Laurel. It happens all the time now since the temple opened. We have needed to sit idly in traffic and wait to get into our own driveway because of people using it to turn around.

When they have events at the temple, every weekend during long stretches of the year, their deafening noise can be heard at our house because they are so loud. County ordinances say that noise over 65db during daytime hours should not be heard past

their property line, which has not been the case for most of these years. We can clearly hear loud music and speaking from four houses away.

As a couple, we have lived in our home for 36 years. Before that, Kenneth lived next door in his birth home since 1944. We are certain having this development in our neighborhood would cause the value of our home to plummet if we needed to sell. We know that if we were a potential homeowner looking for a quiet place for our family to live, we would look elsewhere. Hearing all the neighbors' stories of how the temple has disrupted the peace and caused damage to their homes and properties would turn us off completely.

A toddler in our neighborhood who lives adjacent to their lot has had a seizure disorder since he was born. He needs to have a certain amount of sleep, including napping in the afternoon, to prevent a breakthrough seizure. We understand that someone has tried to get the county to intervene countless times, but the noise level has never improved, so it's apparent that they don't care to be good neighbors. We were also informed by a nurse that the loudness is not good for people who have PTSD. We know of at least one neighbor who suffers from the condition who lives close enough for the noise to bother them. How do we know who else in our neighborhood has illnesses that are becoming unmanageable because of the temple being built in such a rural residential area? The residents live here, and have lived here peacefully, because they expected the comfort and enjoyment of a tranquil area close to nature and away from the city noise. We can't

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fathom how a home on a small piece of property, in such close proximity to other family residences, was ever considered to be a good location for a temple and these planned additions.

Since they've been building without permits and building outside of the scope of the permits issued, it's difficult for us to understand why the county would grant them permits at all. They consistently violate county building ordinances by building before obtaining a permit and deforested the property without permit or penalty. We would like to know what has been done with respect to these violations and firmly object to any additions or plans submitted for approval.

Sincerely,

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