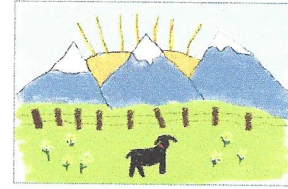


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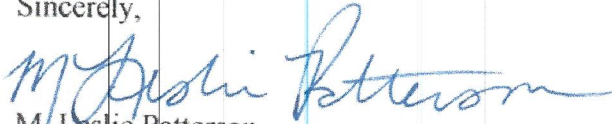
Dear Mr. Ebert,

My name is Leslie Patterson, my husband and I own the property located at 3393 Orchard Drive, Laporte, Colorado. We purchased this property in May of 2010, and truly consider ourselves lucky and fortunate daily to be able to live in a 'rural-urban' community. Tom (my husband) and I had been residents of Fort Collins since the 1980's... we fell in love with Laporte due to the laid-back community-oriented atmosphere Laporte offers. Laporte is a 'throw-back' town, a relaxed, beautiful area close to urban Fort Collins but far enough away to offer the opportunities of rural living. On this property, I am the proprietor of a small farm called Bella Daisy Farm. We raise meat chickens and turkeys for our family, friends and a group of customers. We also have a couple of neighborhood co-ops we provide eggs to during the summer. As well as raising poultry and poultry products, we have dairy goats that provide milk/cheese for our family. We also raise pigs and beef, albeit in small amounts. Along with these protein sources, we have a quarter acre garden that provides vegetables for our family and friends. Not least, we bale our own hay to feed to our livestock.

We are distraught at the potential inclusion of Laporte Gravel into our community. The addition of Laporte Gravel on 54G will completely change the look and feel of our community, as well as have detrimental environmental effects on our farm. Our farm is located less than one mile from the proposed Laporte Gravel site; particulate pollution from the gravel pit will impact our agricultural outputs, coating the fauna in our gardens and crops with dust from the gravel mine, as well as impact our water that we use to irrigate our hay field, our garden, and water our livestock. Our customers love to visit our farm, to see where the food they eat is coming from, enjoy the sites, smells and experience of rural living. This rural living environment and atmosphere does not include a gravel pit less than a mile away. Since we have lived in Laporte for 7 years, we are aware of the effects of a gravel mine on the environment, as well as the impact it makes on transportation, since we often travel along Taft to and from home by the *other* gravel pit. Often there are large trucks pulling out into traffic and impeding normal traveling speeds on Taft. It is our understanding the by-pass was created between 54G and 287 to relieve Laporte of said traffic; adding a gravel pit will increase this traffic to what it was before and then some.

Finally, the aesthetic damage this business will cause is immeasurable. The citizens and residents of Laporte should decide what industry, if any, get to be a part of our community, we were here first!!! Laporte is a wonderful community, nestled in the northwest foothills of Fort Collins, and is a RESIDENTIAL community... **not industrial**. We enjoy the natural gifts offered by the Poudre River; the trees, the water, the wild life... these will be irreparably damaged by allowing this gravel industry to trespass into our community. Please listen to the residents of our town, realize the incredibly negative impact this will have on Laporte, and STOP the progression of Laporte Gravel in our area!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Leslie Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M." and last name "Patterson" clearly distinguishable.

M/ Leslie Patterson  
Bella Daisy Farm, LLC