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VIA E-MAIL (mclanec@cityofboardman.com)

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RE: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED
MEDIAN BARRIER CUTTING
OFF NORTH-BOUND TRAFFIC
ALONG N MAIN STREET FROM
ACCESSING OUR PLACE OF
BUSINESS

Dear Carla:

As you know, since the early 1980s, my family has owned and operated the gas station and convenience store located at 100 Main St. N. in Boardman. We recently learned the City intends to make roadway changes that will negatively impact the current use of our business location, as we serve the motoring public in regards to both domestic and transient traffic. Traffic using I-84 exit 164 is our main customer base for fuel sales and ancillary convenience store sales. I believe the motoring public appreciates us being there for their needs, including re-fueling, cold drinks, hot food, and available restrooms. The proposed changes to the roadway will drastically deter, if not eliminate, any I-84 traffic from the ability to reach our location. For that reason, we strongly encourage the City to explore other options than what is currently being considered.

Currently, our business has several access points from traffic from I-84 exit 164: an approximately 100' open driveway on Front St; an approximately 40' curbed driveway on Main St.; and an approximately 140' open driveway on Boardman Ave. With the proposed road changes, the first two access points will be eliminated and the third severely hampered by forcing a left turn across a double yellow line and two lanes of traffic. While we are not traffic or civil engineers, we do have a good sense of business, built up over 60 years and 3 generations of knowledge. We feel the City's proposed traffic changes will be detrimental to our business and the many people that count on us.

In addition to the above, we currently have commercial truck fuel business and off-street short-term parking on our property as well. If the City's proposed traffic changes are implemented, this facet of our business will likely be eliminated as well.

Our Boardman operation currently has 23 employees, all of whom are residents of Boardman. With the anticipated decline of our business resulting from these traffic changes, many of these positions could be eliminated.

Our company currently has a fuel contract and supply agreement with Sinclair Oil Corp. In that contract are specific minimum annual gallonage requirements for the Boardman location. Any shortfall on annual gallons can trigger a shortfall penalty. A major disruption to traffic patterns accessing our place of business could definitely have a drastic impact on these gallon requirements. This amount could be significant and in the 10's of thousands of dollars.

As you may know, our Boardman facility recently underwent site improvements, which amounted to just shy of an \$1,000,000 investment in the community. Additionally, we had hoped to remodel and expand the existing convenience store to better serve the community and the motoring public that travels along I-84. If these traffic changes are implemented, we will need to rethink such future investments in Boardman. If it is your desire to push us out of business I would like to negotiate the dollar amount I feel would be just compensation.

Considering the above, in order to facilitate a productive conversation that preserves our current business operations, yet still allows the City to modernize the traffic pattern in the area, we propose the City preserve a 40' access driveway from N Main St. to our property. Our property has approximately 200' of frontage along N. Main St., so I believe this can be accomplished. As I previously mentioned in our phone call, my dislike for the changes along Boardman Ave., it was stated that west Boardman Ave. is not a busy or a growing part of town and traffic is light and expected to be so in the future. So I find this contrary to your position that there will be a stacking issue for northbound traffic queuing in the left turn lane at the proposed stop light at the intersection of Boardman Ave. and N Main St.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alex Hattenhauer
CEO