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Subject: Teen Challenge Hearing Tomorrow
To: zoning@pittsfieldnh.gov
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Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019, 7:07 AM

Hi James,
Unfortunately I can't be at the meeting February 14th.
Please provide the following information to your board members:

Dear Zoning Board Members,

I am unable to attend your meeting about the Teen Challenge application for a variance.

I am extremely against approval of this variance for the following reasons:

1. It will 1 mile from Pittsfield's schools.
2. It reasonably can be assumed that town police and EMT's will be periodically called to the facility. This will further burden our first responders and cost Pittsfield money.
3. It also can be deduced that some individuals will drop out of the program and end up a social burden on our town.
4. The "clients" of Teen Challenge will have no transportation to seek work outside of Pittsfield, leaving the real possibility of strangers wondering our streets with nothing to do. Potentially leading to drug purchasing and use.
5. Another potential risk is to our school district. There is no guarantees that addicted children will be in the facility and attending our schools. This could create a financial burden for the school district.
6. The most important liability to Pittsfield is reinforcing a negative image. For years we have tried to have the region look at our town in a positive light. This would negatively impact our image. A rational parent with school aged children won't move into a town that has a drug rehab facility only 1 mile from the schools. Even some families already here may leave. Our town's population is aging rapidly and not being able to attract younger families will be disastrous.
7. Finally, Teen Challenge will be importing drug abusing strangers into our town. If there is a drug rehab program in Pittsfield it should be to help our own residents who need it.

Sincerely,
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