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Subject: **Rezoning 20 Main Street**
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Dear Committee Members,

I am Charles Atwood and I reside at 30 Main Street in Essex Village. I am writing to you about the proposal to rezone no. 20 Main Street, just up the street from me. I cannot attend your meeting in person, so please accept this correspondence as my comments on the matter you are considering.

As you know, this proposal is not the first to assert that the requirements of the split zoning is a hardship. Last year, these same arguments were made by the owner of no. 26 Main Street, a property which adjoins mine. That request was withdrawn but it could come back anytime.

I don't envy you your job. It must be very hard to weigh the wants of existing neighbors who assert their interest is to protect the investments they made in the past in reliance on the zoning of adjoining properties against the wants of another property owner who wants to make an investment but believes the existing zoning is unduly burdensome.

My concern in this matter is that a decision regarding no. 20 will be used as precedent for owners of other split zoned properties to cite when they ask to have their zoning changed. I ask that you consider, in addition to the individual merits of the current proposal, the impact the decision could have as precedent for other proposals.

Sincerely,

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