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**Subject:** Proposed changes to variances by Terry and Gretchen Nelson of 9905 103rd Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302; Parcel No. 206012000080

To: Corinna Township Board Members and Zoning Administrator

From: Laurel Star Butterson of 9935 103rd Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302

Re: Proposed changes to variances by Terry and Gretchen Nelson of 9905 103rd Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302; Parcel No. 206012000080

Dear Zoning Administrator and Members of the Board for Corinna Township;

I am writing to you to express my objections to the proposal to build a storage garage, requiring variances, adjacent to my family property and summer home. For context, this home has been occupied by the decedents of the original owners, my great-grandparents, for over 100 years. My uncle and I are managing partners in Family Limited Partnership and both hold this home and its care in great regard.

My neighbors are asking for variances which will adjust the proximity to the road and exceed the height limitations for such a structure. My concerns and objections are as follows:

The structure will be too close to the road which will have an adverse effect on our property. The road is already crowded with the Nelson's shed that is up to the road and their rock wall that allows no shoulder.. The rock wall already impinges on our roadway when we need to have trucks, trailers, or larger vehicles drive onto our property.

The proposed garage will be easily seen and viewed from one of the inhabitable structures on our property. The extremely large cement foundation in back will be particularly unsightly from the main house. The expansive building and foundation in the back will be obvious even when the trees are fully leaved. Too many structures will be occupying a very tight space which goes against current codes and potentially diminishes property values.

The proposed structure is for storage space for a vacation home for the Nelsons and not a primary residence. It isn't necessary as storage is a consumable. Denying the proposed variances is not a hardship for them.

The current proposal is to reduce costs and not because it is impossible to meet the codes. The structure can be developed within the codes, but it will be more expensive for the homeowners.

If the Board allows these variance in this circumstance; then it sets a precedent allowing for building closer to the road and exceeding height limits. Similar requests in the future could dramatically affect the value of properties on 103rd Street NW and other properties in the Corinna Township.

My understanding is that the codes have been established for good reasons in an effort to protect this wonderful area from improper development. I would also assume that it is the role of the Board and Administrator to enforce these already established codes. Fortunately, as homeowners in the township, we have the laws and codes working in our favor in this circumstance for which I am grateful.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my objections. We trust that the Board and Zoning Administrator will review this situation thoroughly.

Respectfully,

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