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Dear Mary:

Please consider this letter as our objection to the recent decision made by city staff to reject our request for exception for the access approaches to our new facility on St. Patrick Street. While I have respect for the professionalism and integrity of your department, I do make a point of disagreement to your denial of our request.

Our position remains the same and we seek to have this issue placed on the next agenda to be heard from City Council at their Public Works Committee. Our reasons to seek this exception are noted on the attached addendums (site plan) prepared by Renner & Associates Engineering (Exhibit A). The new east driveway will be in the same location as it is currently now, the same location that it has been for decades. We will construct the new west driveway, access approach, to our facility and will move it east from the current location making it closer to lining up with the access across the street.

Our business is a day time operation that is supported by the generosity of our community who deliver their donations with larger deliver trucks and trucks with trailers. The suggestion from your staff to re-locate our proposed access approaches will offer the potential of bottlenecking the traffic load due to the extreme tight turning radius just as they enter our parking lot. The simple fact, a semi truck or a truck hauling a trailer can not negotiate the extreme turning radius that is recommended by your staff (Exhibit B). I believe that our request for an exception to your criteria is a legitimate reason and should be granted to us. Additionally, the long term established business directly across the street generates the vast majority of their business, and traffic, during the evening hours which occurs long after we close our business doors, thus reducing traffic congestion.

Please advise me on the schedule of when this item will be heard by the committee and City Council. Thank you for all you do.

Mark Kirkeby
Director of Development

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