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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE A COMMUNITY COMMITMENT TO NO PRISON IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH OUR LEGISLATORS REGARDING HOUSE BILL 1060:

Cracker Barrel-Saturday, January 27, 2007 9 am at the classroom building on the campus of SDSMT.

We have had a productive meeting with our Mayor, Jim Shaw and our council people Deb Hadcock, Mike Schumacher and Ron Kroeger. We had every home owner or property owner in the neighborhood except one, who was sick.

We need you to speak against HB 1060. This is bad legislation. We need you to voice a concern. We need you to say that prisons in a neighborhood is wrong, deceptive, bad legislative practice, blight to our neighborhood, ill thought out by the DOC, and just environmentally, a neighborhood, in residential zoning, should not have to put up with the noise, the car pollution, the visual dump yard that currently exists and will continue to exist, the potential of the DOC to do as they damn well please in the future to bring in medium, maximum and other prisoners from out of state as is happening in Newcastle Wyoming right now.

We need you to say that the DOC should withdraw the bill and all is well. WE need you to say that the Appropriations Committee needs to defeat this bill by a "do not pass" recommendation.

What a horrible bill, what an ill thought out bill, what a poor location and what a bureaucratic process we must endure because of no thought about whether a neighborhood would oppose this. We are fighting for our safety, our children, our property values, our environmental peace, both visually and audibly.

We are a small enclosed neighborhood, residentially zoned and this prison will be on top of our mail boxes.

Just tell our legislators to go back to Pierre and meet with the DOC and tell them they are WRONG!!!

Also, on another note, we have interest in proposing our legislators introduce another bill.....The bill would simply state that no agency, city, county, state or federal can introduce legislation or ask for prisons in any zoning but industrial in any city in South Dakota.

Barbara