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Hall County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Drawer 1435
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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed expansion and rezoning of Flowery Branch Winery to an agri-event space.

My husband and I are currently residing temporarily with my parents on Conner Road. I grew up on this road and have long been familiar with the challenges created by its narrow width and multiple blind spots. Driving on Conner Road requires significant caution due to limited visibility and constrained space.

Since the addition of the winery, traffic on Conner Road has already increased, including drivers who are unfamiliar with the roadway and how to navigate it safely. I recently gave birth to my first child, and during neighborhood walks and routine travel, I have experienced vehicles traveling at excessive speeds. On one occasion, a driver traveling in the middle of the road around a blind curve forced me off the roadway. These incidents raise serious safety concerns for residents and drivers.

The winery has already increased the risk of accidents along Conner Road, and the prospect of expanding the venue—and thereby increasing traffic volume—causes significant concern. Driving on this road has become increasingly stressful, particularly when traveling with a newborn child.

For these reasons, we believe that expanding this space would negatively impact the safety and quality of life of those who live along Conner Road. We respectfully request that you deny the proposed expansion and rezoning of Flowery Branch Winery.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn and Jason Hickman