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Dear Chair Neil Faiman,

The Temple Conservation Commission has unanimously found that your approving the variance requested by the Quinn Properties, LLC for the asphalt batch plant proposal would have a **regional impact** on Temple and other abutting towns. We ask that the application to the Wilton ZBA be denied.

RSA 36:55 defines a "development of regional impact" means any proposal before a local land use board which in the determination of such local land use board could reasonably be expected to impact on a neighboring municipality, because of factors such as:

- a. Proximity to the borders of a neighboring community.
 - b. Transportation networks.
 - c. Anticipated emissions such as light, noise, smoke, odors, or particles.
 - d. Proximity to aquifers or surface waters which transcend municipal boundaries.
- [Note that the statute lists 2 other possible factors which may not be applicable to this application.]

We are very concerned that if the application is granted, it will threaten our rural safety, economy, and quality of life.

As the gateway to the Monadnock region, Wilton represents the beginning of the rural character that we presently enjoy. Looking forward in time, this region's unique rural quality will grow in importance as the towns east along Route 101 continue to urbanize. Recreation in this region will become more valuable. Temple is the home of Miller State Park and Temple Mountain Reservation; as the crow flies, the distance from the proposed asphalt batch plant to Miller State Park is just 5 miles.

Our concerns include air quality degradation, road and traffic impact, decreased property values, and potential for significant aquifer contamination downstream. The transportation of asphalt for paving would add a significant sound nuisance to our soundscape, especially at night. Overall, the desire of families and business to locate close to Wilton would diminish.

In summary, our cultural, economic, and natural resources are not well served by placing an asphalt batch plant in the proposed location.

Yours truly,

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Chair, Temple Conservation Commission

CC:
Temple Planning Board
Temple Select Board
Wilton Conservation Commission