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To: JD Dillard
Subject: Rezoning of Highway 122E/Skipper Bridge Road - REZ-2022-20

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Good afternoon Mr. Dillard,

My name is Jamie Rowntree and I am owner of Lowndes Parcel 0067031B, which is in close vicinity of the proposed rezoning of three acres of rural property in reference to REZ-2022-20. I'm writing to voice my opposition to the suggested rezoning of this property for several reasons. This area, for several surrounding acres, is solidly residential, agricultural, and timberland. A move to establish a Dollar General store at this location is highly inconsistent with the area's properties for stretches in each direction of Highway 122 and Skipper Bridge Road. The store is also an unnecessary redundancy as such stores currently exist just a few miles eastward and westward down Highway 122. Adjacent to the property is my parent's pond (across Highway 122), which drains to the Withlacoochee River just a short distance away, and a broader concern is that trash from consumers and potential fuel runoff from delivery trucks would channel through the county and beyond with a store inserted at this location. The intersection of Highway 122 and Skipper Bridge Road also has a history of vehicular accidents with Skipper Bridge Road's sharp northward curve and elevation descent at this location. Traffic drawn to this site would no doubt raise the traffic accidents at this location. It is also understood that the individuals proposing the rezoning request are not inhabitants of this area, but rather relatives of the property owner, and are seeking financial gain in this instance.

I, among many other citizens in the vicinity of this area, request that the Planning Commission consider our opposition to this rezoning request in order to maintain the current surroundings of this area, which in effect will preserve rural Lowndes County's reputation as a desirable and quality place to live.

Sincerely,

Jamie Rowntree