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Protecting Our Water, Preserving Our Way of Life: Why We Oppose Liberty Classical Academy's Industrial Septic and Well System Proposal:

As residents of this rural farmland community, we've chosen to live here not just for the peace and space, but for the purity of the land, the water beneath it, and the values we share as neighbors. Today, that way of life is under threat.

A large-scale industrial septic and well system has been proposed for construction in our area by Liberty Classical Academy—an operation that, by its very scale and nature, poses serious risks to our groundwater, environment, and the sustainability of our homes and farms.

Our Wells, Our Lifelines—and Our Future Expenses

Most of us rely on private wells for drinking water, irrigation, and daily living. These wells are directly fed by the same aquifer that the proposed system would draw from. With the introduction of a high-capacity commercial well and large-volume septic output, the equilibrium of our groundwater could be disrupted. Reduced water tables and contamination from septic leachate aren't theoretical risks—they're documented consequences of overburdened rural aquifers.

And when wells are damaged, it's not just an inconvenience—it's a financial crisis. Drilling a new well can cost tens of thousands of dollars, and even then, there's no guarantee of clean or adequate water. Add to that the ongoing cost of water testing, filtration systems, or, in worst cases, emergency water deliveries. These are burdens we will bear—not the developers.

Contaminants such as nitrates, pharmaceuticals, and pathogens from large septic systems can slowly infiltrate into the same water we drink. Unlike city dwellers, we have no municipal water supply to fall back on. A single mistake, leak, or miscalculation in the design of this system could irreversibly damage our water—and cost us dearly in both health and hard-earned dollars.

A Disruption to the Land and the Community

Beyond the water concerns, the industrial nature of the project goes against everything this area stands for. Our farmland is meant for growing food, raising animals, and maintaining open, unspoiled space. This construction would not only bring noise, traffic, and potential odors, but could also drive down property values and make our quiet roads unsafe for our children and our tractors.

There is also the broader ecological impact. Rural land like ours isn't just scenic—it plays a critical role in local ecosystems. The soil, wildlife, and watersheds that we steward could be thrown into imbalance by runoff and waste mismanagement—creating ripple effects that damage our farms and natural resources.

No Guarantees, No Going Back

Proponents of the project will cite environmental assessments, engineered protections, and

monitoring plans. But we know too well how often such systems fail or fall short in practice. And when they do, it's the community—not the developers—who pay the price.

Once an aquifer is polluted, there is no easy fix. Once a well goes dry or becomes contaminated, recovery is slow, expensive, and often incomplete. Once our land value drops or our roads become unsafe, that damage isn't easily reversed. There are no guarantees—but there are irreversible consequences.

Stand With Us

This is not just about "not in my backyard." It's about responsible planning, long-term sustainability, and defending our right to clean water and a rural lifestyle that respects the land and its people.

We call on local leaders, environmental agencies, and our fellow citizens to stand with us in opposition to this plan. Our community's voice matters.