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Feb 9, 2025

To Wilmot Council

Dear Mayor Salonen and Members of Wilmot Council,

For nearly a year, the Wilmot land assembly issue has been a source of deep concern for residents, yet it remains unresolved. The continued uncertainty threatens both our township's financial stability and the character of our community. My family has called Wilmot home for over 50 years, believing this would be a place to stay for generations. However, the push for this industrial land assembly challenges that vision. Your reluctance to oppose this initiative puts at risk the very essence of what makes Wilmot special.

Let me be clear: **I strongly oppose the proposed land assembly.** Over the past year, in countless conversations with community members, I have encountered overwhelming resistance to the idea of transforming 770 acres of prime farmland into an industrial mega-site. This project disregards proper planning principles and fails to consider more appropriate locations, such as marginal agricultural land or brownfields. Growth and development should not come at the expense of our best farmland and the families who rely on it. I will not support any councillors in future elections who support the proposed land assembly.

Trust is the cornerstone of effective leadership, yet recent council controversies have significantly eroded public confidence. It is imperative that you take decisive action to restore that trust by demonstrating that you truly listen to the concerns of the people you represent. Rejecting the land assembly project is not merely a political choice—it is a necessary step toward responsible governance. True leadership means having the courage to correct course when necessary.

This is not just a policy debate; it is about real people and real livelihoods. Our farmland sustains families and contributes to the greater well-being of our township. Supporting a project that undermines these values for political gain is a betrayal of public trust. Now is the time to prove your commitment to the people who elected you. I'm not against industrial expansion, but it can and should be pursued in ways that do not compromise public confidence or destroy valuable farmland.

The people of Wilmot have spoken clearly against this initiative. To ignore their voices would be a grave political miscalculation. By choosing to stand with your constituents, you will

reaffirm that leadership is about serving the community, not special interests or political ambitions.

Mayor Salonen, you and this council face a defining moment. The decision you make will either establish you as leaders who prioritize the well-being of Wilmot's residents or as officials out of step with the community's needs. The choice is yours—embrace transparency, rebuild trust, and make the right decision for the future of our township.

**I urge you to bring forward and support a motion that declares Wilmot is NOT a willing host for the proposed land assembly.** It is time to demonstrate that you stand with the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Anne Loeffler

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