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Springfield Charter Township Board of Trustees
12000 Davisburg Road
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Attn: Township Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustees
twpboard@springfield-twp.us

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Re: *Springfield Township Environmental Protectors (“S.T.E.P.”) Statement of Opposition to Special Land Use Application and 2026 Proposed Amendments to Mining Ordinance*

Dear Township Board of Trustees:

I represent STEP, a community-led 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to protect and preserve the community’s environment. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with STEP’s official statement (attached) in opposition to a special land use application concerning property located at 6651 Ormond Road (BMC) (“paused”).

STEP respectfully demands that the Township Board immediately hold a formal, roll-call vote on the “paused” application and that the application be rejected for the procedural and substantive deficiencies as stated in the attached Letter.

Additionally, denial of the application is warranted because of the 2026 Proposed Amendments to Springfield Charter Township’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 – Environment, Article IV. Mining Control.

Thank you for paying attention to this very serious matter.

Very truly yours,

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Springfield Charter Township Board of Trustees
c/o Board Clerk Mr. Sean Miller
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RE: Special Land Use (SLU) Permit Application Evaluation – 6651 Ormond Road (BMC)

Dear Township Board of Trustees,

This letter is from Springfield Township Environment Protectors (STEP). STEP is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to protect the community's environment and well-being. STEP advocates for development practices that safeguard local ecosystems, property values, and resident health; and, STEP seeks to prevent the degradation of the local quality-of-life, while also promoting responsible land use that benefits present and future generations.

In support of this mission, STEP has consulted with experienced regulatory, administrative, legal, architectural, engineering, design, and operations professionals about the application for the above-referenced SLU Permit.

These consultants recommend that this “paused” SLU Permit Application be immediately advanced to a formal Board vote; and also, that the Application be REJECTED, based on the following observed deficiencies:

- Failure to comply with required submission procedures, as per Springfield Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 “Environment”, Article IV “Mining Control”
- Failure to adequately resolve concerns about the proposed business operations, as per Springfield Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40 “Zoning”, Article VI “Environmental Performance Standards”
- Failure to show proof of building code and/or zoning variances, to allow Industrial, Manufacturing, and Hazardous Storage use groups, occupancies, structures, and operations to occur in a Residential Zone
- Failure to adequately resolve concerns from the community and professional consultants about the proposed business operations that could result in a variety of Very Serious Consequences (VSC's)
- Failure to show proof of approval from EGLE for the proposed business operations and the proposed VSC risk mitigation strategies, particularly related to mitigating known negative environmental impacts
- Failure to show proof of approval from entities with legal easements and/or right-of-way and/or site access and site use privileges; for example, failure to show proof of approval for the proposed placement, use, modification, and maintenance of any public roads and/or infrastructural utilities
- Failure to show proof of approval from Rose Township for the portion of the Project Site that is located outside of the taxable and operational jurisdiction of Springfield Township

STEP encourages the Board to consider this information, as it decides how to proceed in this important matter.

Respectfully submitted by:

Members of Springfield Township Environment Protectors