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[Redacted Signature]

April 1, 2025

Date

Person Authorized to Act on Behalf of Appellant(s)

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Jennifer and Lyle DeMerchant



March 31, 2025

SDAB Development Authority
SDAB Clerk, Foothills County
Box 5605, 309 Macleod Tr. S.
High River, AB T1V 1M7

Dear Development Appeal Board,

I'm reaching out about development application file number 256D013, which was approved on March 12, 2025, for Benco Welding as a discretionary Home-Based Business, Type III. I wanted to express my concerns and ask for a review of this decision because I don't think it fits with the purpose of residential and agricultural zoning in this area.

The primary purpose of residential and agricultural zoning is to preserve the residential character and tranquility of communities while protecting land use for agricultural purposes. The introduction of Benco Welding as a Home-Based Business, Type III, appears to contradict these goals. Specifically:

1. **Disruption to Residential Character:** The nature of the proposed welding business involves activities that are industrial in scope, such as the use of heavy machinery, the transportation of materials, and the potential for noise pollution. These activities pose a significant risk to the quiet and peaceful environment expected in this residential area.
2. **Environmental and Safety Concerns:** Welding operations often involve the handling of hazardous materials and processes. These activities present risks to public safety and the environment, which may be incompatible with the residential and agricultural purposes of this area.
3. **Precedent for Future Development:** The approval of this application sets a precedent for similar industrial-scale businesses to be introduced into residential zones, potentially undermining zoning regulations and threatening the long-term character and desirability of the community.

While I understand the need to encourage local entrepreneurship, I believe that industrial-scale businesses should be directed to areas zoned specifically for such purposes. This approach

would enable businesses to operate effectively without compromising the quality of life for residents or the integrity of zoning regulations.

I respectfully request that the decision to approve this application be reviewed and reconsidered, taking into account the concerns raised above and the broader implications for our community. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and to provide any additional information that may assist in your review.

Thank you for your attention to this appeal. I trust that the appropriate considerations will be made to ensure the integrity of our zoning regulations and the well-being of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer and Lyle DeMerchant