

April 20, 2025

SDAB Development Authority

SDAB Clerk, Foothills County
Box 5605, 309 Macleod Trail S
High River AB T1V 1M7

RE: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing for April 22, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Development Application - File Number: 25D 013

Landowners: Matthew & Elizabeth Gamble

Proposal Description: Home-Based Business, Type III

Legal Description: Plan 0312338, Block 6, Lot 3; Ptn. SW 27-21-1 W5M

Street Address: 42062 - 274 Ave W

Dear Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,

We are writing to raise our concerns about the Development Authority's recent approval of an industrial welding business in our neighborhood. While we recognize the importance of small businesses and skilled trades, the introduction of this particular enterprise in our residential/agricultural setting raises serious concerns regarding safety, environmental impact, and the disruption of our community's way of life.

The industrial nature of this welding operation, with its associated noise, fumes, heavy traffic, and fire risk, is inherently incompatible with agricultural practices and our rural quality of life. There are already designated areas in the region—zoned and suited for industrial use—where such businesses can thrive without infringing on the rights of rural residents. We support responsible economic development, but not at the cost of our health, safety, and established rural community.

Moreover, approving this welding operation establishes an unwanted precedent. If one industrial business were permitted to operate here, what would prevent more from following? Slowly but surely, our farming community could be transformed into a patchwork of incompatible land uses, destroying the very character which makes it special.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Trent & Catherine Myers
100-42058 268 Ave W