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Dear Dryden Town Board Members:

I am writing to you all as a concerned citizen and neighbor regarding the proposed auto repair shop proposed for Cricket Lane in Freeville. I would like it to be known that I oppose this venture idea. I do not want an auto repair shop in my backyard. I have nothing against Ed and Amy Vorhis opening an auto repair shop...somewhere else. What about Brooklyn Road, or perhaps the empty Werninck's buildings on Main Street in Freeville? Maybe offer to buy Whyte's Auto Repair on Main Street.

I have grandchildren over at my house daily especially in the summer, and am concerned with potential hazards from exhaust fumes, oil, engine noise, smells, sounds from repair equipment, auto body paint, chemical leaching into my groundwater well, etc. on a daily 'seven day a week' basis. This is NOT why I chose to live in this neighborhood. We are a residential neighborhood, have always been a residential neighborhood and want to continue to have our quaint, small, quiet residential neighborhood. I bring children down Cricket Lane to walk, ride bikes, sled, skateboard etc...because it is SAFE to do so. I believe that 'safety factor' is now in jeopardy.

Let me ask you: Would you want an auto repair business opening in your backyard?

Again, let it be known to all board members that I am opposed to the opening of an auto repair business in my backyard on Cricket Lane in Freeville.

As a reminder, the TOWN stated it is would NOT be part of their comprehensive plan, an auto repair business would "NOT part of the predominant landscape" and it will forever change the character of the neighborhood.

Any questions please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,  
Nanci McCraine