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**To:** The Jonesboro City Council Members

**From:** Dwain and Ginger Sims  
1304 Pardew Street

**Subject:** Objections to the rezoning and construction of  
Casey's General Store and Twenty-bay Gas Station on  
Stallings Lane

**Objections:**

1. Stallings Lane is a narrow two-lane street. Due to the opening of Stallings Lane to the traffic on and crossing of Red Wolf Boulevard, we who live on Pardew Street, as well as Oakdale, Stallings Lane and the other streets in the subdivision experience a large flow of traffic daily by those who cut through our neighborhood to avoid the intersection at Nettleton. At times traffic is backed up bumper to bumper all the way back to Oakdale, which totally blocks off the intersection of Pardew Street onto Stallings. The addition of a store and gas station, whose entry and exit are proposed to be on Stallings, would only compound and add to the traffic problem that already exists.
2. The hours the store would be open for business has been stated as 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., meaning a tremendous amount of lighting would be required at night, which, in our case, would light up our homes that are in close proximity. We do not want bright lights shining in our front and back yards or windows at night, turning our night into day.
3. That type of business always generates air pollution from the cars' exhausts, high volume of noise pollution as well as the trash that will be generated and blown throughout our neighborhood.

4. The criminal element seems always to be attracted to these types of commercial businesses that are located on side streets as this one would be.

We are asking that you do not approve this rezoning request and allow us to continue to live in peace and continue to enjoy the quality of life we now have in our subdivision.

We ask that you drive around on the side streets –Stallings, Pardew, Oakdale, Bernice- and see the negative impact that this would cause on the subdivision.

In closing, we are asking you to apply the Golden Rule to this rezoning request.

If you would not want a store and 20 bay gas station located less than a block from your home, please do not approve one being built near us.