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**Subject:** Trinitas: Cottages Plan

Dear Commissioners,  
I am writing to request that you reject the Cottages Plan by Trinitas.

I am an environmental engineer and work for an engineering company that provides infrastructure planning, design, construction, and maintenance to communities throughout Michigan and Ohio. I regularly see communities confronting site plans proposed by developers who are motivated by profit and not the sustainability of the community.

Those communities that acquiesce to ill-fitting plans are forced to fund patchwork solutions to address overburdened roads, sewers, and storm drains and water lines without sufficient pressure to meet fire-fighting needs. At the same time they face irate residents, raging against the higher taxes and water rates required to fund the projects.

Communities that fare the best, do so with a strong backbone that sets a precedent. To quote one township supervisor, "Go ahead and sue us! It won't be the first time and it certainly won't be the last." That tone rings out like a shock wave that strikes the bottom line. It forces all developers, not just Trinitas, to ask themselves if it will be more profitable to compromise or face a legal challenge. It creates a financial incentive for developers to design and build subdivisions that are consistent with the community vision and infrastructure capacity.

Commissioners, I am calling on you to set a strong precedent. Reject the Cottages Plan.

Sincerely,

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