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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to submit a concern about the rezoning request for the property located at 15710 N. Western Avenue. My family has owned and resided at the property at 15740 N. Western since May 1993, during which time we have seen the property at 15710 and 15730 N. Western flood repeatedly. When we have sustained, heavy rain it is quite common for Chisolm Creek to become overwhelmed by the water which drains into it from the residential and commercial developments to the south of our neighborhood. The undeveloped property located at 15710 N. Western is currently able to absorb a large quantity of the rain water and runoff. My concern is the possibility of the property's zoning being changed without a professional calculating the impact of a single family home and grading on the site, as it was originally included in the Waterstone PUD as open space – presumably due to the high amount of impervious coverage within the development, and the maximum lot coverage in an R-1 Zoning District is 50%. I am concerned about increased potential for flooding of the low-lying areas of our neighborhood, which include our neighborhood owned and maintained road. Without the current greenspace provided by the undeveloped land at 15710 N. Western I fear flood waters would inevitably rise higher than they have historically done, which would put even more of the neighborhood at risk for flooding. Flooding is a known risk in our neighborhood; the city of Oklahoma City has already purchased and razed the house that was formerly located at 15720 N. Western due to its long history of flooding. The greenspace created when that house was razed is north of the properties at 15710 and 15730 N. Western and therefore cannot blunt the impact of rain water and runoff coming from south of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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