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Subject: URGENT: Formal Opposition to Case 25-32000010 (LifePoint/Freedom Christian Academy)
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Dear Ms. Padin and the Seminole County Planning & Zoning Commission,

I am writing to formally oppose the Special Exception request for Case 25-32000010 at 1470 Myrtle Lake Hills Road. I represent a growing coalition of residents from the Myrtle Lake Hills, Northridge, Bowling Farms, and Shadow Hill communities.

Together, our four neighborhoods comprise over 400 households that rely almost exclusively on the Myrtle Lake Hills Road corridor for daily transit. We believe the proposed 6,400-square-foot expansion, when combined with the existing daily private school operations, creates an untenable safety risk.

1. Cumulative Traffic Impact (The 4-Neighborhood Funnel)

The intersection of Myrtle Lake Hills Road and E.E. Williamson Road serves as the primary gateway for four distinct residential enclaves. Residents of Shadow Hill and the surrounding subdivisions are funneled into this single point of egress. Adding a high-intensity sanctuary and expanding the capacity of a daily school at this exact "mouth" of the neighborhood creates a permanent bottleneck for nearly 1,000 daily commuters.

2. Non-Disclosed Intensity of Use (Freedom Christian Academy)

The applicant's website (freedomchristian.academy) confirms that the site is not merely a Sunday house of worship, but a registered Florida private school with mid-week classes and events. Any traffic study that only evaluates "Church" usage is fundamentally flawed. We request that the Commission require a study that accounts for the daily "peak-hour" stacking caused by school drop-off and pick-up, which already impacts our ability to exit the neighborhood.

3. Public Safety & Emergency Access

With so many homes relying on this restricted infrastructure, the "stacking" of cars for school or large-scale church events poses a direct threat to emergency vehicle access. If Myrtle Lake Hills Road is blocked by church/school traffic, fire and EMS services will be delayed in reaching the hundreds of families in the rear of these four subdivisions.

4. Zoning Incompatibility

A commercial-scale educational and worship campus of this magnitude is a radical departure from the A-1 (Agricultural) and R-1A (Residential) character of our streets. This expansion shifts the property from a neighborhood-scale facility to a regional destination, which is inconsistent with the Seminole County Comprehensive Plan for this area.

We strongly urge the Planning & Zoning Commission to recommend denial of this Special Exception. We further request that a comprehensive, multi-neighborhood Traffic Impact Analysis be made a public requirement before any further consideration of this file.

Sincerely,

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