

DATE: August 7, 2023

TO: Planning Board, Town of Durham, NH

FROM: Joe and Maggie Moore

RE: 121 Technology Drive Application

Writing as abutters to the 121 Technology Drive Property on Technology Drive in Durham, we wish to record our support of the proposed property and building improvements presented by Shawn Smith on behalf of RJ Kelly Co., Inc. during the July 26, 2023 Planning Board meeting. The building, associated infrastructure, mechanical systems and the parking areas are certainly in need of significant improvements. After watching the DCAT recording of the meeting, we are appreciative of the RJ Kelly company's property development and management experience and expertise and of the attention to detail that was evident in Mr. Smith's presentation. We are similarly appreciative of the careful consideration given by members of the board to the proposal, including environmental concerns related to the large scale of the building and parking lots.

As reviews of this project and future development of this property move forward, we, as abutters northwest of the current building, would like to note two concerns: noise and light pollution. With regard to noise, both the HVAC systems and loading docks on the northeast corner of the building are of particular interest to us. The HVAC units face in the direction of our home, and in recent years loud and persistent noise due to their deteriorated condition has had a significant negative impact on our otherwise peaceful and quiet corner of Durham. As noted by Mr. Smith, one of the current cooling towers is not in service and the second is due to be replaced. He also indicated the replacement units will be much quieter, as will additional rooftop units that are planned. A secondary issue about noise relates to the existing and newly proposed loading docks, especially if they will be used and/or truck engines will be running during nighttime hours. We hope there will be some way to block or otherwise remedy such noise issues should they arise in the future.

While the issue of light pollution concerns us because of our own proximity to the facility, it also has potential for impacting a much larger area and other residents of Durham, Lee and Madbury. We have lived in our home throughout the entire history of the development of Technology Drive. At times when various previous companies were in full operation, lighting for the huge parking area very often obliterated the night sky with an expansive orange glow. With that in mind, it is encouraging that the footprint of the parking lot might be reduced and our hope, regardless of the size of the new lot, that more environmentally suitable lighting will be used.

Thank you for your time and for considering our message.

Sincerely,

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