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Testimony of Craig Kilpatrick
on behalf of Young Life

to the

Land Conservation and Development Commission

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Commissioners:

I am here today to testify on behalf of Young Life on the proposed Youth Camp Rule, and to ask you to defer a decision on the Rule until your November meeting to allow the Rules Advisory Committee and the Department to consider a few areas of the proposed Rule where we think clarifications and refinements are appropriate.

The current version of the Rule goes a long way toward meeting Young Life's key objectives.

- Young Life supports the Rule's approach to providing for sewer extensions through a Goal 11 exception process, although we would like language added allowing such an extension to be obtained prior to applying for youth camp approval.
- Young Life supports the Rule's approach to providing for increases in overnight youth camp participants, although we believe the specific language relating to what land deed restrictions are imposed on needs to be clarified.
- Young Life supports the Rule's approach to what activities are allowed, but would like language allowing go-kart tracks of a restricted nature.

In addition to the minor changes I just mentioned, we believe the proposed Rule would benefit from changes for clarity, changes to qualify some absolute standards, changes to set a clearer framework for County consideration of youth camp applications, and changes to better meet the purpose of the Rule. We prepared a redlined revision to the proposed Rule with our questions, comments, and proposed changes, which I have attached for your information. We have discussed our proposal with the Department, but ran out of time to complete those discussions.

To provide time to address the minor additions we would like in the three aspects of the Rule we discussed above, and some other issues and questions we raised in our proposed revision, we ask that you defer your decision until your November meeting so the RAC and the Department can consider these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig Kilpatrick