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Dear Subcommittee Members;

My apologies, but I cannot attend your meeting tomorrow. I am traveling to DC and will likely be driving during the time of your meeting. Please accept my thoughts and comments below.

First, I would like to say I appreciate the proactive approach the P&Z Commission (and your subcommittee) are taking toward field lighting around Westport. From Michael's (Cammeyer) comments at the 11/4 P&Z meeting and my reading of the proposed text, I agree providing some broad guidelines for approval with a drill-down when the actual plans are presented seems to be the right tack given the diversity of surroundings of Westport's fields.

Second, the text. Overall, I thought the proposed language was appropriate. However, I do think there may need to be some "materiality" standards in some of the considerations, say, in Section 39-19.2c (Public Safety: I believe there can always be a case made that any change in Town may adversely affect "public safety." Is it "materially" or "meaningfully" adversely affected?) Such as in Section 39-19.4m (now "f"?) where the consideration is "not significantly adversely impacted."

Last, (please forgive me if this has been discussed) should this text amendment address "all Town-owned properties" and not just Public School Property? While most of the fields are on school property, there are a few which are not...and may be needed if lighting on additional public school properties cannot be made workable.

Thank you again for your consideration and discussion of this important topic. As athletics in Westport experience continued growth and success, I think we can expect more participation and demand for field time.

| Sincerely, |
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