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The City of Millersburg supports the careful placement of industrial facilities near residential areas; however, the bill as proposed is too difficult to work. The test speaks in vague terms and does not provide enough detail for the City to comply in a meaningful way. The fear is that this bill will allow endless opposition, from outside our City, to appeal using the vague nature of the bill. The City of Millersburg takes a lot of pride in the industrial nature of the City. We take the interface between residential and industrial very seriously. We feel that our approach has been effective, in fact most of our residents have continually complimented our approach. We are currently building a large urban park buffer between some industrial and residential Land Uses that will shield light and sound from neighboring uses. We have also used the existing Land Use process to effectively address concerns that could arise between the two uses. The tools we need to get the job done already exist.

This bill is not needed here in Millersburg, but we understand it may be needed elsewhere. We continue to maintain that local communities are best suited to address local concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.