We are very concerned about the number of homes going in on Powell Road. One new subdivision with 200 homes at the end of Powell right before it intersects with Rossview Road and the 903 homes to go in just South of Gentry Drive in Rossview Place and an apartment complex to the North off Rossview Road.

At present there is only one access and egress from these properties off Powell Road. There have been times when the residents could not get in or out do to Powell Road being blocked by an accident or large tree limbs. This is not acceptable as emergency vehicles need to be able to get in out of this area. If they are stopped because they cannot get through it creates a delay in services that may mean the difference between life and death for one or more of our current residents.

The road work currently underway will not ease the burden of the traffic all of this new home construction will create. Both Dunbar Cave Road and Rossview Road are just two lanes once you get past the construction site with many curves. They cannot safely handle more traffic driving to and from Warfield road. Even with a traffic light at the intersection of Powell and Rossview there will continue to be traffic back-ups coming off of exit 8 also delaying emergency vehicles.

Our hospital is extremely small and cannot handle the current population’s healthcare needs. Not only is the emergency room an issue there is an extremely long wait for primary care, specialist appointments and medical testing due to the limited number of healthcare practitioners available to service the Clarksville Community.

Adding more homes to the area will seriously impact our schools that are already over capacity. This will result in a poor quality of education for our children and safety risks if COVID continues.

We are seriously concerned with the addition of all these homes and people moving into this area without the proper infrastructure. To allow this would be gravely irresponsible and negatively impact the safety of all who currently live in this area. Please do not allow this to happen until you have a new or larger hospital on this side of Clarksville, more healthcare providers and the schools to educate our children properly. Growth is good but not when it jeopardizes the safety and well-being of the community.

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