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My name is Elizabeth Mueller and I live on McComas Ave in Kensington Heights. I've lived here for over 25 years and am shocked that the mega gas station proposed by Costco about 15 years ago is being considered again.

From my perspective, nothing has changed since it was first proposed. The MCPS school for severely disabled students is still right next to the Ring Road where the gas station was proposed. Those students who attend Steven Knolls can still start attendance at age three through age 23. Those students shouldn't be exposed to the substantial fumes from idling cars, waiting their turn at the pumps.

Kenmont Swim and Tennis Club is still in the same place. Hundreds of homes are still adjacent to the Ring Road. New houses and townhouses have been added.

Costco has been incredibly successful since it opened. At one time it was the busiest Costco on the East Coast. Since so many customers drive there, there is no space for supersized gas station. If you ever shop at the Wheaton Costco, you're familiar with the layout of the Wheaton Mall and how the traffic flows.

Why is this being considered again? Please do not approve these changes to allow this type of development. Thank you.