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To whom it may CONCERN:
Zoning Board,

I am aware of the upcoming meeting October the 5th. There are a lot of details that the board is probably unaware of, which is why I am writing this letter. I believe I have only one detractor to my roadside stand, my neighbor, Mary Sanders next door, 1213 Flat Rock Road, I am going to focus on her at this time.

When I bought my house 27 years ago I was totally unaware that she was my neighbor until someone came knocking on my door shortly after I moved in, there she was with a cake in hand to welcome me, SURPRISE!!!, we were friends that had lost touch, being coworkers at Benihana of Tokyo as hosts right when it had opened on Linn Station Road off Hurstbourne Lane. We hadn't seen each other since our twenties, I'm 63 year old now, She was married and had two children, they grew up with my two boys and eventually moved away as did mine. She divorced her husband who had a good union job and won her house after the divorce but was barely able to maintain it due to having a high school diploma and working low wage jobs. Since then I have actively helped her for well

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over ten years, I mowed her grass and raked her leaves for AT least 10 years without any compensation, of course I didn't ask for any, she didn't own a lawn mower or weed eater. I've taken her to the hospital when she was sick because her children will have nothing to do with her, when she was out of work, she came to my door and asked "For a piece of bread" because she was hungry and had no food. I took her to Kroger and bought her an entire basket of food and told her I would get food at any time she needed more, I have done many other numerous things to help her with only a rare thank you, so I am very puzzled why she has vehemently attacked me in the last 12 months, she has frequented my roadside stand for years, I had often told her she doesn't have to pay because of her economic condition and has never been against it. I have the property professionally surveyed, there are railroad ties on the property line that prevent cars from going onto her property, Early this summer Mary laid down boards beside my house with 2 inch nails sticking up in hopes that I would step on them

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or Flatten the tires of my car, I took a hammer and bent them flat, I have pictures of them, She had a post put up by my driveway with SCREWS sticking out to attempt to damage my car I took a hammer and nailed them flat, IT'S irritating to say the least,

I put a \$1000.00 deposit with Shuck Fence company in Shelbyville to build an 8 foot privacy fence on the property line, the fence was to cost \$2700.00 they came a month ago, I was away from home on a job, My girlfriend, MARY ANN was home, Before Shuck could start the job my neighbor MARY and a homeless man she took in came into the yard yelling, screaming and threatening the fence builders they left and told me not to call them back,

My Road side stand is self service. It has been in existence for 27 years, There has been some theft but the majority of my customers are honest, It's the honor system they pay through my mail drop in the front door, Many people have relied on it through the years and consider me their friend,

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My roadside stand is my hobby as an outlet for my gardening which I have done for 53 years. I have three small farms in Shelby and Henry Counties. I employ a few people at certain times of the year, mainly with planting but largely I do it by myself. It's not really a business because I lose 500-1000 dollars a month. Farms cost huge amounts of money to run!!! I don't mind because I love doing it and it brings so many people happiness. I stock two refrigerators with free Ices and Klondike bars for the kids all year round. Many adults eat them too. That in itself costs me several hundred dollars a month but I don't mind it gives kids and adults something to look forward to.

I can write forever!!!

Thank you for reading
my letter. Kim Shaw.