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To the Land Use Review Board,

A short supplement to my email earlier today about the petition form under 24 V.S.A. § 4348(i)(2)(A), Docket RPC03-0001.

I mentioned that I intend to collect town of residence rather than street addresses. I understand the Board is presently revising its Regional Planning Commission Application Guidelines, so I offer two illustrations of why that matters — not to press a point I have already stated, but because the question is likely to recur across regions and may be worth settling in the form itself.

The two people are about as far apart as the region's residents get.

The first is an attorney serving in Vermont State government, resident in East Montpelier, who signed a petition I filed in a prior proceeding concerning Montpelier's plan. She signed knowingly, in a matter she understood would be filed and public, and gave her town rather than her street address. Someone in that position has ordinary and legitimate reasons not to publish where she sleeps. The petition was accepted.

The second is a person with no fixed address at all, residing in Montpelier, whose interest in how land is designated for growth — and in what housing results from it — is at least as direct as anyone's, and who has no street address to give. Montpelier's City Clerk registers such residents to vote, on the settled understanding that residence and a mailing address are different things.

An address requirement would exclude both, for opposite reasons. The subsection asks for neither. It conditions qualification on owning property in or residing within the region, and town of residence establishes that for a signer at either end of that range.

I raise it now rather than at the objection stage so that it can be considered without time pressure, and in case it is useful to the Guidelines revision. I do not need an answer to proceed — I will collect name, town, signature, and date as described — but if the Board's form will require more, I would rather know before gathering than after.

Thank you again.

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