

[INSERT YOUR NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE HERE]

[INSERT DATE]

Commissioner [INSERT NAME]  
100 East Main St., Suite 210  
Cumming, GA 30040

Dear Commissioner [INSERT NAME]:

The street names are Lanier Beach South, Deep Cove Drive., Green Forest Trail, Habersham Marina Road, Canon Creek Drive, Fairway Drive, Fairway Circle, Fairway Lane, Fairway Overlook, Buford Dam Road, Habersham Club Court, and others. These County roads have seen generations of families settle and grow their roots, create our communities, invest in a foundation for the future of their homes, their children, and their county. The communities have names like Fairways, Habersham on Lanier, Lanier Townhomes, Sweetwater, and the like. These communities, their roads, streets, courts, lanes, circles, and drives have risen around a core of two man-made recreational facilities that have served to create and attract a lifestyle and a foundation for decades of positive growth in our County. **Lake Lanier** and **The Lanier Golf Club** have attracted hundreds of home builders, developers, and thousands of residents to settle and create their lives and their livelihoods around these two properties. Families have invested in our schools, our stores, and our neighborhoods.

The homes built around The Lanier Golf Club property have served as boundaries to a tract of land that has seen its best and most appropriate usage served. A low-lying area, prone to flooding, and housing many of the streams that feed the river that created the lake are a part of our county's culture, history, and future. And these are the homes and communities now seek your consideration, protection, and support, without influence from outside or inside our county. Those who would present their self-serving interests as cause to consider any alternative to the current status of the zoning of the Lanier Golf Course property should have more to consider than any windfall that development might offer. More than 2,600 homes in a one and one-half mile radius of the Lanier Golf Club property will be impacted by any such rezoning of this property. And the property itself and communities far away serviced by the waters that flow through it. Golf course operators have stepped up and are willing to continue to operate this property as a golf course and pay a fair price if the current owners simply want out of this business. **The property was developed to be a golf course for a reason...and that reason continues to indicate that it remains a golf course forever.** Any such rezoning request that might come before you warrants decisions that will serve to nurture and protect this recreational resource for the benefit of Forsyth County's residents and visitors. And serve to preserve the future of our county's attraction and lifestyle. Just as the decades of investment in the communities, homes, and lives that have planted their roots around these two beautiful tracts should be preserved and protected.

Please consider *all the other areas* in Forsyth County that would be more appropriate for commercial, residential, and higher density housing. I am not opposed to such managed, intelligent, and planned growth. It is simply clear that this particular property has seen its best use for the county, for the communities around it, and for the lifestyle that attracts growth throughout Forsyth County. Should any effort come forward and before your commission to alter the existing protection of agricultural zoning that allows the Lanier Golf Course property to continue on with its best and most appropriate usage, which is a golf course, I hope you will consider the impact that any change will create and deny it. Thank you for your dedicated service to Forsyth County and allowing the names of our streets and communities to continue to have meaning for generations to come.

[YOUR SIGNATURE]