

Dear Chair Sheldon:

It has come to our attention that Christi Bollman of Colton Enterprises testified today in committee regarding S.234. Her testimony and submittal specifically referenced us by name and included several misrepresentations regarding the history and circumstances of their Act 250 permit conditions. Accordingly we are requesting the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding the language in S.234 and how it will negate many of the conditions of Colton's permit to the benefit of Colton Enterprises and to the detriment of us and their other neighbors.

In general we think it is ill advised to legislate for what seems to be the benefit of one private company. The same language in S.234 has nevertheless persisted in the legislature for many years. Also, as written it is unclear and could open the door to our losing complete protection under Act 250. When the same language came up two years ago, we sought clarity on the section cited below but we were never given an answer. Is it intended to mean that the hours of ANY type of activity can't be limited or is it intended to address trucking only?

*2) Permit conditions on a wood products manufacturer.
(A) A permit condition that sets hours of operation for a wood products manufacturer shall only be imposed to mitigate an impact under subdivision (a)(1), (5), or (8) of this section.*

We would also like the committee to know how disruptive it is to live next to noise and smoke and how this bill would greatly lessen our quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah and Gordon Gray
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