

Dear Board,

I am writing on behalf of my husband Guido Voss and myself in support of this project. We have been residents of Topsfield for over 30 years and see the value of establishing this senior community. We are also members of the Topsfield Congregational Church and it is our mission to serve the needs of our community and beyond our borders and this project is one of them. Every step of this project has been carefully considered and implemented while addressing the concerns of abutters and environmental standards.

The traffic concern is not a problem of the project, but of the town to address the Route 97 intersection. This intersection should be upgraded with a traffic light or rotary. Recent studies for our Downtown Revitalization project have revealed that over 50,000 cars pass through that intersection on a weekly basis! This data more than the Emerson Homes project serves to reinforce that this is needed. I have learned that traffic studies by independent consultants also point to this being the best course of action.

In addition, we live across from Little Brook Village on Washington Street. In all the years we have lived here, we have witnessed no dangerous traffic congestion spilling out from there and we believe it will be the same for the Emerson Homes project.

Sincerely,

Leslie and Guido Voss
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