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Effingham Planning Board
Attention: Theresa Swanick, *Chair*
68 School Street
Effingham, NH 03882

**RE: Proposed Gas Station within the Ossipee Aquifer / Groundwater Protection District
on Rte 25 in Effingham, NH**

The Freedom Conservation Commission is expressing their concerns.

We believe that conservation efforts of such especially vulnerable resources such as this stratified drift aquifer require diligence in their protection. The ability of large sand and gravel deposits to transmit water quickly and efficiently is what yields our abundant aquifer but also is the reason for our concern in this matter. The potential for contaminants to have far reaching regional impacts if an accident occurred at this location is real and should not be underestimated.

The Ossipee Aquifer is relied upon by many in Freedom through their use of private and public wells and preserving water quality is one of the Town of Freedom's top priorities in our Master Plan. On behalf of the FCC we thank you for your time and appreciate your careful consideration on this matter due to the potential negative impact on public health of the surrounding communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Nicoll, *Chair*

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