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Mr. Robert McIntyre Old Saybrook Planning Commission Town Hall 302 Main Street Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Dear Mr. McIntyre,

I am writing you in support of the development being put forth by River Sound Development Corp., known as The Preserve.

I support this development for a number of reasons. I feel a golf course is good use of land, and in many cases improves the surrounding property values. Old Saybrook needs to attract high income families in order to continue the economic growth of our main street and surrounding shopping areas. A golf course along with our new park and recreation facility, a superior school system, and good library all go hand in hand to attract families to our community. As a business person I feel strongly that an investor has the right to use his property for the highest and best use within the zoning regulations. It would appear that folks are trying to defeat "The Preserve" project based on popular opinion, before the owner has had an opportunity to go through the process. I would hope that your commission does not fall into that trap.

I would appreciate your including my comments as part of your review of this project.

Sincerely yours.

Hugh Fiore, Jr.

President