

January 28, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

We are in **full support** of Maxxam's proposed use of the property and facilities for residential alcohol and substance abuse treatment facility.

We are residents of Plato Township, owning two land parcels approximately 2-3 miles from the proposed Maxxam property. We live in Burlington School District 301. Our children, and our many neighbors' children, go to these rural schools. We have lived in various areas of Kane County since 1993.

I have attended all of the Kane County Zoning Board meetings related to this matter. I have heard all of the information and discussions about the proposed use of this property. We agree that the benefits of **voting yes** to this proposal are many.

Direct Benefits to our Community:

Tax revenue for our rural School District 301: This will significantly help the children attending our schools to have more opportunities in line with the rest of Kane County, and to better prepare them for success in college and/or careers. Our schools are in great need of many resources and improvements.

Property Values: Funding to improve our schools will increase the value of our homes and properties, and allow healthy growth to continue in our area.

Jobs: Entry level to professional level jobs, and internships will be available to our community.

Community Health: A high quality treatment program would be an asset to our community. Alcohol and drug dependence are growing issues throughout all of our schools and communities. We need more resources to combat this, and a local option helps families avoid traveling great distances at greater cost to find quality treatment for loved ones. Prevention and educational opportunities offered would also contribute to an overall healthier community.

Maxxam would be an asset to our community, and benefit all of us in various ways. I ask the Kane County Board to consider my points and **Vote YES** to the request for special use.

Sincerely,


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