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**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to text of IBP zoning

Lawrence City Commissioners,

It has recently come to my attention that the Commission is currently considering amending zoning requirements for IBP land, and that this issue was discussed at your Commission meeting on November 16, 2010.

"Approve Text Amendment (TA-4-4-10) to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Chapter 20, Section 20-403, and potentially other sections of the Code, to permit the Hotel, Motel, Extended Stay use in the IBP District and adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 8543, if appropriate."

My family, consisting of myself, my husband and our four sons, lives at 1001 Biltmore Drive in west Lawrence. Our home, along with many others, is very close to land that is zoned IBP. Many other homes are directly adjacent to this same tract of land, which is bordered mainly between Harvard, Wakarusa, Bob Billings Parkway, and Stonecreek Drive.

We are strongly opposed to any text amendment change currently being considered to land that is zoned IBP.

Our neighborhood is full of many families with young children. We truly believe that zoning this tract of land to allow hotels, motels, and bars would be detrimental to neighboring families. Amending zoning requirements for IBP land would not only dramatically increase traffic in an area that has already seen an increase in traffic due to adjacent retail businesses, but I feel certain it would also decrease property values, decrease quality of life, and increase neighborhood crime. Hotels, motels, bars, and lounges also do not fit in with the current research/industrial businesses (many of them child-oriented) that are in the area, such as Sylvan, Lawrence Gymnastics Academy, Lawrence Montessori School, Dance Gallery, and the Neuvant House of Lawrence.

I will be attending the Commission meeting in January when this is going to be discussed.

We truly believe you have the best interest of Lawrence residents at heart and trust you will consider the negative impacts this zoning change would have on our neighborhood. Please do the right thing and oppose this text amendment.

Sincerely,

Carla Saathoff