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Dear Gentlemen:

We just had an opportunity to read the email sent to you by fellow Janesville citizen Alfred Lembrich and wish to add our concerns regarding this Shine project recently approved by our City Council. As Mr. Lembrich stated, numerous citizens of this city are not in favor of this project going forward, and feel that the taxpayers were not given ample time to "digest" what was happening in addition to getting some very important questions answered.

As stated in public by several council members, this project has been discussed by current and past councils (behind closed doors) for the past two years. Although, we do understand that some businesses do not desire to have certain aspects of their business transactions discussed publicly, we also feel that citizens should have been given an opportunity to learn the facts before our council voted on this "unproven" technology. This council vote was taken without any time for citizens to get any of their questions answered. As you are well aware, this project is going to cost the taxpayers of this area an outrageously high amount of money, in addition to the very real risk of health and safety. On Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, an article in our local newspaper appeared, informing subscribers of a "Medical isotope Manufacturer" possibly locating in our community. This was the very first time many citizens even realized that this facility was being discussed. On Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, citizens were invited to a meeting held by Shine, which we assumed was being held to answer some very important questions brought by concerned citizens. NOT SO!! When we arrived, we found several tables set up with information "singing the praises" of Shine followed by several speeches by Shine associates. The overwhelming theme, seemed to be that they were going to bring 125 possible jobs to this area within five years. The "jobs" being offered are certainly not going to be for the average area citizen, and in fact C.E.O. Piefer met with our area Blackhawk Technical College to discuss the development of a curriculum that would train citizens for jobs. I was very concerned as to the cost of this training and just exactly who was going to pay for it. After asking two Shine team members this question, I was directed to their C.E.O., and was told, "yes, I met with Blackhawk, but cost of who was going to pay for it had not been discussed." Very frankly, the taxpayers of this area just simply cannot afford any new taxes. Many people are in foreclosure and are struggling just to pay for their daily needs. We do not need any new expenses in our already depressed city. Our city council seems to be blinded by the possible promise of a few jobs. The final vote tally taken by our city council at the Feb.13, 2012 meeting was four voting for the motion, one "No" vote, and one "Pass" Both councilmember voting "No" and "Pass" stated their vote was because the citizens of Janesville had not been given ample time to acquaint themselves with this facility. Our City Manager stated in the news article of Feb. 9, 2012 that he believes "the city's money is at risk because the money will be spent before the technology is proven". In our opinion, this project has been "rammed down the throats" of the very people who will be paying for it and risk health and safety. The location of this facility near our Rock County Airport is in itself is a huge riskin addition, will cost taxpayers more in training for our police and firefighters, and it could very simply put our water supply at risk. This is to name just a few of our concerns. We MUST have more time to discuss these issues, to ask and get questions answered, and to decide if we indeed want our tax money (in addition to that of the Federal gov't) to go forward with this unproven facility. Please consider our oppositions and objections. Sincerely, Gerald & Muriel Bumgarner