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Mr. Coleman Hutton

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Loudoun County Department of Building and Development

Re: Paris Mountain Resort, LLC/EastWind Blue Ridge/EPlan-2026-0125

Dear Mr. Hutton:

As President of Citizens for Fauquier County (CFFC), I am writing to oppose the Paris Mountain Resort/EastWind development (EastWind) on Paris Mountain. CFFC is the oldest conservation organization in Fauquier County. Since 1968 CFFC has worked to preserve the natural, historic and agricultural resources of Fauquier County. Part of the property proposed by Eastwind for commercial development is in Fauquier County and will be visible from our County including from the highly popular and scenic Sky Meadows State Park.

The EastWind resort development proposed to be built on the eastern slopes of Paris Mountain will have an indelible impact on the small, historic hamlet of Paris, the highly-popular Sky Meadow State Park and the Piedmont Overlook, all of which are visible from the property, as well as Ashby Gap, an ancient pathway from the east side of the Blue Ridge mountains into the Shenandoah Valley. (See attached viewshed study). This view shed is enjoyed and valued by thousands of people and is a favorite subject of landscape artists for its bucolic and dramatic beauty. Sky Meadows is a designated "dark skies" location that is popular with astronomy enthusiasts. A resort immediately across route 50 is likely to increase light pollution near the Park and threaten the water source for the small village of Paris.

EastWind's by-right application is flawed and should be rejected for any one of the following reasons. The proposed 80-plus seat restaurant is not accompanied by an on-site agricultural operation; the proposed drive is located on a 19% steep grade that exceeds emergency rescue and response criteria; applicant's estimated daily water usage of 9,000 gallons per day, which has not been independently verified (10,000 requires a special exception), and is unrealistic for a 40 room inn, spa and 80-plus seat restaurant; the floor to area ratio (FAR) which applicant originally stated to be above the by-right threshold, is now not included at all in the application; and last, but not least, the applicant already has pursued a "build now, ask permission later" approach by logging trees in a protected forestal area without permission.

For all of the reasons stated, CFFC respectfully requests that Loudoun County deny the EastWind application.

Respectfully submitted,

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