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To Whom It May Concern:

Like many community members who attended the draft EIR information meeting and who have been following this matter for the past several years, I took copious notes on items that made me especially uncomfortable about the potential of a beverage manufacturing and bottling plant here in Mount Shasta.

I have tried to narrow my concern to a single issue, but after reviewing the draft EIR and considering these issues, I am finding that an impossible task: the "jobs" carrot being dangled overhead is actually a quite small carrot, and is being offered while natural resources are being extracted with no caps, no acknowledgment of potential mitigations and therefore no willingness to deal with them should they arrive.

You *have* acknowledged that anyone who resides in the caretaker residence on site has an increased rate of cancer, COPD and more - and its residents are limited to 40 hours or less of residing on the premises. *This* is an "opportunity" you are offering to members of our community.

It is understood that heavy truck traffic, in addition to our harsh winter weather, will take an extra toll on our roads, requiring them to be repaired more frequently. Additionally, each of these trucks is legally permitted to emit the same amount of pollution as several cars. This is Mount Shasta, an area which prides itself on its clean air and water, and which was recently voted Most Charming Ski Town in America on TripAdvisor.com, a major travel website.

These trucks, like much of the equipment being installed on the roof (and which is not even addressed in the draft EIR), will also contribute heavy noise pollution, and at least two residences will be directly affected by this, if not more. It is stated that trucks which idle for longer than five minutes will be shut off - but with the extent of traffic and trucks, this could still provide for a continuous, 24-hour barrage of sound and noise pollution in proximity to residences, schools, and a local city park. It is noted that these trucks will operate 24 hours a day, 6 days a week, for 312 days a year.

You ask for a one-mile radius of evacuation in the event of a propane tank mishap. Your current tank holds 30,000 gallons of propane fuel and, as I understand it, there is a request to install another. This one mile radius includes the aforementioned residential neighborhoods, schools, local businesses (including two fuel and gas suppliers and several auto repair shops) and a city park with a natural spring that is one of our greatest and most sentimental town assets, and also serves as an important attraction that brings many people through town on their way north or south on I-5. Your plant and its proposed leach fields are just about 2000 feet away, uphill, from these natural springs.

These local residences also rely on the same water aquifer you'd like to draw from, yet the

current sustainable yield of the aquifer system has not been determined. As this region has been in a state of drought for several years, those businesses and residences in the vicinity run the risk of dry wells if this is not clearly defined and caps set on what can be drawn from it.

Your draft EIR is unclear as to what your industrial waste water will actually contain, and your methods of dealing with this are dependent on that and as such, are not clearly specified in the EIR. Obviously, the idea of dumping waste water into leach fields doesn't sit with anyone who is environmentally-minded or uneasy about the effects it may have on people, or on surrounding wildlife that may call it home or use the place as a source for food.

I will say that as an outdoor enthusiast, I very often find Crystal Geysers' plastic bottles littering our surrounding forests; my six-year-old daughter has learned to recognize your company's product logos by the garbage we haul out after hikes. We can only hope that as we send these plastic bottles off for recycling, something of value may actually result from our actions as plastic has a fairly eternal shelf-life, and the production and use of plastic bottles maintain unsustainable single-use/throwaway habits. The idea that more could be produced in a place where I and so many others live simply *because* of its general lack of traffic and pollution is unsettling, to say the least.

I would readily say, however, that even such a heartfelt concern for the environment, one amplified by parenthood and spiritual practice and love for a place that is mostly devoid, at the moment, of the noise and environmental pollution that I came from when I left New York City 15 years ago, is not enough without factual, scientific backup. That information is actually available and accessible.

I do believe that if these facts are properly presented that the acknowledgment of environmental impact, as it is currently being presented, will show Crystal Geysers' presence to be of no benefit to our community.

However, with absolute consideration of these issues (and all others named in the EIR) as well as changes to power, process, output and disposal methods which uphold the highest and most sustainable manufacturing practices possible, and with little to no environmental pollution, there is a possibility for light manufacturing and the presence of Crystal Geysers in Mount Shasta.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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