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To: NJ DEP – Judiciary Tidelands Counsel

From: Joseph & Mary Claire Gomeringer

Re: 9/4/19 Hearing – Pershing Blvd., Lavallette

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned neighbor from West Point Island, Lavallette, New Jersey. I have been a NJ resident since birth, 1952.

My family resides on the corner of Pershing Blvd, across the street from 83, 77 and 79 Pershing Blvd.

Our concerns are multiple. As a fire fighter, safety is a major concern. Docks that extend over 200 ft. beyond the adjacent docks present obvious dangers to the boating public. The inconsistency of the illuminated dock presents additional safety issues.

The wasted energy illuminating 200 ft of additional dock lighting at night for water craft travelers and the operation of the winter agitator pumps is shameful. The sound of numerous pumps required to prevent the bay from freezing and heaving the pilings, is loud.

The negative effect on property values from obstructed views and light and sound pollution is considerable. The shape of the water frontage of these lots is concave, that is to say that docks are angled and would potentially intersect in front of other land owners including a lot owned as open space by the West Point Island Civic Association. The lot allows residents and visitors the opportunity to view the open bay and sunsets.

The disturbance to the bay ecosystem from installing 200 ft. of dock pilings is significant especially given the limited depth of the bay behind the subject properties.

For the record, I sent a written objection at the time of the application – objecting to these dangerous, unsightly and unnecessary structures and I received no acknowledgement or response from your agency.

Some neighbors within 200 ft. have no record of receiving notices of the proposed party. After Sandy, many residents were dislocated and the post office was dislocated until years later after reconstruction. Most of the neighbors only occupy their homes during the summer and would not have been in a position to object to the construction as built within 30 days, as it was constructed in the off season and they were not on site until the summer.

I cannot attend the 9/4/19 hearing, but I wanted to put my concerns and observation in writing to you for the record.

Cc: Janine Morris