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Mr. Chris J. Ayers  
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December 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Ayers,

We vehemently oppose the application from Old North State to construct a pump station to pump Fearington wastewater to the Briar Chapel wastewater plant. The reason we oppose their application is that ONS is responsible for multiple sewage leaks within the Briar Chapel community since 2017 and they have been slow to respond and address the issues as well as being dismissive to the citizens who report the issues. We do not feel that any business that puts the community at risk should be allowed to add more 'stress' to a system that has failed multiple times within the past year.

The NC Department of Environmental Quality has logged 14 separate "sanitary sewer overflows" since July 2017 and it was noted in the Chatham News & Record that over 23,000 gallons of raw, untreated sewage have spilled since July 2017.

Old North State should focus on investing appropriately to protect the communities and environments they serve and adjust their business model to do the right thing versus make more money.

<https://www.chathamnewsrecord.com/stories/state-county-environmental-violations-handed-down-to-briar-chapel,3036>

<https://ourchatham.com/briar-chapel-sewage-spill-any-danger/>

Sincerely

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