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To: Seaside Planning Commission

From: Greg Jacob, Ph.D.

RE: Development Subdivision request by Sunset Ridge

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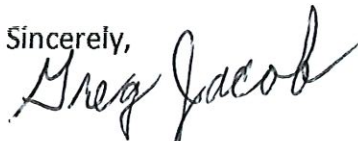
I am in opposition to the proposed seven-acre development (T6-R10-S22AB-TL#8100) located north of the intersection of Hemlock St. and Aldercrest St. in Seaside, Oregon.

Having grown up in Astoria, I have seen poor logging practices that have jeopardized drinking water quality for residents living in rural areas, as well as degrading the habitat, eliminating wildlife, and creating severe erosion which has led to landslides.

The proposed development on the Sunset Hills strikes me as a quick profit for some developers who show little regard for the many reasons to abandon such a plan: 1) steep terrain; 2) potential landslides and flooding; 3) loss of precious wetlands and an ecosystem home to wildlife and salmon; 4) loss of forest cover, including trees over one hundred years old that stabilize the soil and shield homes from heat and wind; 5) an unsightly barren landscape after the proposed clearcutting; 6) logging trucks and dump trucks causing traffic congestion that will disturb the tranquility of the existing neighborhood.

Seaside should not build luxury homes on the steep and forested slopes, and the town must take into account the more frequent and severe storms hitting the north coast. There are cogent reasons to oppose the development, and a potential profit for some investors should not override the deleterious environmental impacts and the livability of the citizens who live near the proposed development. Several neighbors, for example, have had major foundation work to address water intrusions. Already some homes have experienced earth movement and portions of backyards washing away.

Sincerely,



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