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TO: City of Columbus Board of Zoning Adjustment

- *Dane Kirk (dekirk@columbus.gov)*
- *Jamie Friese (jffriese@columbus.gov)*

RE: BZA23-048 - Proposed Fertilizer Manufacturing and Distribution Business at 5 Merritt Street, Columbus, OH 43207

The Merion Village Association (MVA) stands with the Reeb-Hosack Association in opposing the *fertilizer manufacturing and distribution business* that is requested through Application BZA23-048.

The main purpose of civic associations like the Merion Village Association and Reeb-Hosack Civic Association is to involve the residents in matters that have an impact on their neighborhood and communities. The members of the Reeb-Hosack neighborhood have voiced their concerns related to the proposed fertilizer manufacturing and distribution business. On May 12th, the Reeb-Hosack Civic Association held a vote and the members of the community who participated unanimously voted “No” to the proposed application. Along with concerns from individuals, several community organizations voted “No” including The Fort, Holy Ground Church, and Resurrection Baptist Church. Approving the application would be ignoring the valid concerns of the community and the residents that call Reeb-Hosack home.

The Reeb-Hosack neighborhood is part of a growing, vibrant community. The Merion Village Association recently approved the Steelton Village project that will eventually bring more families and neighbors to the area and will continue to grow our diverse community. The proposed fertilizer manufacturing and distribution business simply does not contribute to the positive, healthy growth of this community.

The Merion Village Association requests the BZA consider this letter of support for the Reeb-Hosack Civic Association as you review this application and make your decision about this proposal and any similar proposals in the future.

Sincerely,

Merion Village Association

CC:

- ✓ *Rob Dorans, President Pro Tem, Columbus City Council (radorans@columbus.gov)*
- ✓ *Columbus South Side Area Commission*
- ✓ *Reeb-Hosack Civic Association (reebhosackcivic@gmail.com)*