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Mr. Bob Schumm, Mayor  
Members of the Lawrence City Commission  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

CITY MANAGERS OFFICE  
LAWRENCE, KS

RE: **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO.5(c):** ORDINANCE NO. 8718, FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT (TA-10-16-11) TO CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO REVIEW THE USES OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

Dear Mayor Schumm and City Commissioners:

We ask that you remove the above Item No. 5(c) from the Consent Agenda, and not consider it for Second Reading until the Text Amendment (TA-10-16-11) has been revised to

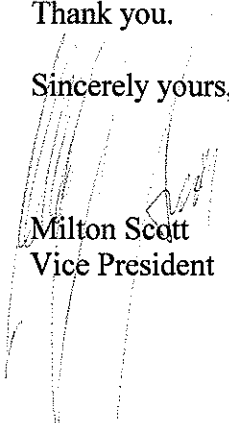
- (1) not include Truck Stops as a use in any of the industrial districts except that of IG,
- (2) require that the Truck Stop Use require a Special Use Permit in the IG District.

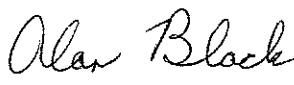
We ask this because the use category of Truck Stop is so intensive and potentially harmful to the city that in order to permit it at all, it would have to be carefully conditioned and controlled. As it appears in this current Text Amendment (TA-10-16-11), it could be located in a wide variety of places throughout Lawrence, especially at the entrances to our city from our major highways, and without any limitations on size or permitted uses or other restrictions.

We do not believe that all of our City Commissioners understand that to give this text amendment a second and final reading and publication, it would become law. We ask that you not approve this text amendment until it has been revised to provide the controls that we ask for: permitting the Truck Stop use only in the IG District and then permitting it only as a Special Use.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Milton Scott  
Vice President

  
Alan Black, Chairman  
Land Use Committee