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Dear Ms. Onciano,

I am currently a freshman student at Carmel High School. I am writing to urge you to oppose the proposed Rancho Canada Village development. I attended Carmel Middle School. One of the most powerful learning experiences I have received in Carmel Unified School District was learning in the Hilton Bialek Habitat. This Habitat is an award winning, unique, powerful addition to the regular classroom curriculum. Learning to plant food and native plant species, composting, studying the water, soil, insects, reptiles, and birds are only a few of the inspiring and invaluable skills taught at the Habitat. I have been inspired to recycle and think about green, sustainable alternatives. This vital learning will serve me for the rest of my life.

Please oppose this development. The loss to generations of students of this invaluable learning would be terrible. Please have them move it farther from the Habitat, so students and animals can still access the river, and animals are not chased away from this important habitat.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Cassie Bishop
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