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Hello,

Please find attached my personal letter of opposition to the proposed Comprehensive Zoning bylaw no. 4710.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Julie Breuker
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Mill Bay

To all of the CVRD directors,

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the newly proposed Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 4710. This recommended changes to the bylaws will have a significant impact on my life and the life of my family as well as many of my family and friends and the entire community.

This changes the whole culture of the Cowichan valley where myself and my neighbors, moved here to enjoy be a rural lifestyle, a slower pace, let our children run outside, grown our own food, take care of the land and raise our families. We have lived here for 15 years and it has become our home, we have invested time and money on our property that increase the value of our property but also increase our quality of life. Our daughters have been members of 4H since they were Cloverbuds and have raised chickens, bees and sheep which has shaped their childhood. They are the kids at the Cobble Hill Fair and Cow ex that show their sheep and teach the public about proper care for the animals and good stewardship while learning all these lessons themselves. With these new bylaws, they won't be able to keep any of their animals. Our daughters are devastated and are having a hard time understanding how someone can take away their ability to keep their animals when they are cared for so well. 4H is a staple of rural life and this will affect many 4H families, all who take deep care of their animals and provide locally grown, well loved and raised food like lamb. We have also raised meat birds which allow us to feed our families, with these new rules, we can't use our property for the reason we purchased it and have been doing for 15years. These rules are punishing the 99% who are respectful homeowners and land caretakers for the 1% that cause the problems.

I respectfully ask that the CVRD reconsider and amend these changes. Specifically, mending to allow RR3 to maintain the ability to keep our small hobby farm in operation. Also, the number of chickens allowed is not even enough to supply eggs for one family, let alone share with friends and family. The specific rules for space for chickens are also unreasonable and should be modified to reflect the different needs of community members. Life is expensive and there are food security issues and homeless and housing shortages that should be of more importance, than disturbing, law abiding community members trying to live their lives and take care of their property as they see fit.

I am also concerned about my neighbors who rely on their farmstands to be able to pay the bills and stay home to raise their kids. For another local business, in Cobble Hill, Drifters Creamery who runs a food truck which has become a special gathering place for locals. To

restrict their hours and require them to move daily, it an unnecessary barrier for them and affects their ability to continue their business and serve the community.

Residents should not be placed in a position where they are required to comply with standards that are ineffective for their environment. A one-size-fits all policy does not serve a diverse region like the Cowichan valley.

I encourage you to align this bylaw with the lived realities of your constituents and the natural environment we coexist with.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Julie Breuker

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