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 Permit #PLN51498 RUE VAR

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## Dear COBI,

I am writing you to express support of Permit #PLN51498 RUE VAR. I believe the proposed dwelling should be granted the requested variances for building. I understand the concerns of the neighbors directly to the south of this property (whose houses were built on the wetland), but I don't believe the annual flooding they experience would be worsened by the building of his proposed house. They flood because their houses were not engineered for being on top of a wetland. The increase in water in the Lytle Creek running through the property is due to the building (and therefore clearing) of properties on the top of the slope. I don't think it's fair to not allow this house to be built because others were already built upstream. I think the concern should not be whether to build, but how to build and engineer it smartly to have the least impact. I also think this should be the concern of every proposed new development project. If the design of the building is includes protective measures for the wetland, including the added precautions around the septic, the structure will have minimal impact. I believe the critical areas plan meets this requirement and therefore the building should be allowed.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in making your decision.

Sincerely, Jamie Berg (4135 Bluff St. NE, Bainbridge Is.)