

From: Turner, Sen. D.O. <SenTurner@njleg.org>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 4:13 PM
Subject: RE: Proposed Helistop at The Ridge

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the concerns you have about the proposed helistop at The Ridge at Back Brook (The Ridge). As you know, the owner of The Ridge made an application to the Department of Transportation for a permanent helistop license, and it is now pending review. I appreciate that you took the time to contact me.

In response to the number of telephone calls and emails my office received, I directed my staff to contact East Amwell Township officials to discuss the concerns. I also directed my staff to research the laws and regulations related to the operation of helicopters and the location of helipads within the state. Additionally, the attorneys representing The Ridge contacted my office to share their position. After careful review and consideration, I submitted a letter to the Department of Transportation to support the residents and East Amwell Township elected officials' request to deny the application. I agree that the helistop proposal is a cause for concern. East Amwell is an environmentally sensitive area and the helistop will disrupt the natural, rural and farmland character of the community.

My letter will be considered along with the others that were submitted as public comments through the application review process. It is my sincere hope that the outcome will be in favor of residents and East Amwell Township.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to share your concerns with me. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Shirley K. Turner
Senator - 15th District