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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Bend resident of 8 years and former resident of a house directly bordering the Greenwood Cemetery for over two years, I would like to make a public comment on the attempted rezoning of the Greenwood Cemetery.

The Preface of the Bend Comprehensive Plan states, "No Part of the Plan can be viewed without consideration of the other areas of the Plan." With respect to any amendment, such as that proposed by the applicant, the Preface further states, "A proposal by an individual, corporation, or public agency to change to the Plan text, land use map, other exhibits, or policies shall be considered as determined by the procedures ordinance. A person or agency proposing a change has the burden to demonstrate a public need and benefit for the change." At no point in their application does the applicant directly address the public need satisfied or the public benefit achieved by rezoning the property. Conversely, as it is currently zoned, the property provides essential public need and benefit to the surrounding neighborhood by providing a place to walk dogs and children safely and a transition/buffer from neighborhood to graveyard. It has been adjacent to the neighborhood for 100 years, making it an integral and essential part of the "feel" of the neighborhood. These reasons are in addition to the fact that it is currently a sacred final resting place for many individuals and their loved ones.

Thank you,
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