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Dear Mr. Carr and Advocacy Committee,

For over 80 years, the Waltham Lions Club has served the city of Waltham and its residents. The Waltham Lions Club has served as a civic organization focused on service and fundraising for its core pillars of Vision, Hunger and Community.

To continue our 80+ year legacy of service and support, fundraising is a necessity. Over recent years we have hosted major fundraising events such as the Waltham Hero's Awards, Hope for the Blind Golf Tournament and The Waltham Lions Carnival all of which were canceled this year due to COVID-19. The Waltham Lions Carnival was hosted on the Fernald property in 2017 and 2018 without protest from you or the committee.

When the Fernald School was in operation as a part of the Waltham community, the Waltham Lions served the residents and staff of Fernald School with holiday activities, cookouts and more. The Waltham Lions Club continues to serve and support local organizations for citizens with disabilities including Opportunities for Inclusion Inc., Springwell, Autism Speaks and Carroll Center for the Blind, among others.

Events held by the Waltham Lions Club at this location as granted and permitted by the City of Waltham are intended to bring joy and unity. Due to COVID-19, the Greater Boston Holiday Light Show is our major fundraiser to support a community that is in such great need.

We hope that all citizens of Waltham and the surrounding towns will enjoy this safe, family-friendly holiday activity during the ongoing pandemic.

Best Regards.

Elizabeth Pulice

President Waltham Lions Club