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Dear State Land Board

I am writing to voice my opposition to the development of the Riverside Village Subdivision at the expense of the Greenbelt Bike path along that same stretch of River.

I have been living in Boise for two years now. I am a homeowner, I am a lover of beauty who rides a bicycle. On every available sunny day I enjoy myself on the Greenbelt bike path. This marvelous gift to the people should in no way be taken back or interrupted. The peace and solitude of this precious greenbelt must remain for all of the people who wish to enjoy it.

I hope that the special interests of a privileged few will not prevail

April 22, 1983

Idaho State Land Board  
Statehouse  
Boise, Idaho 83702

Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed diversion of the Greenbelt onto the city streets at the Riverside Village subdivision. Anyone who condones this action has little appreciation for the value of the Greenbelt as a community asset.

Many developers along the river would benefit financially by encroaching on what has been generally considered to be public right-of-way. To permit such irresponsible behavior in the Riverside Village subdivision would not only deprive the community of convenient access in this area, but also establish a dangerous precedent that would ultimately lead to the likely demise of the Greenbelt outside of the Boise City limits.

I am sure that most of your members have observed the heavy usage received by the existing Greenbelt. I can assure you that a properly located extension of this facility toward Eagle Island State Park would be equally appreciated by the community. Please help to assure that the beauty and continuity of the Greenbelt is maintained.

Very truly yours,  
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March 24, 1983

State Board of Land Commissioners  
Statehouse  
Boise, Idaho 83720

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my concern regarding the possible relocation of the Green Belt pathway through the Riverside Village Development instead of following a course along the Boise River.

I can see no validity in the statements that have been made regarding the intent of "maintaining the unique character of the adjacent river lands and maintenance of the area as a waterfowl area" relative to this proposed relocation. The Green Belt area in the Veteran's Park has not degraded the unique character of the adjacent river lands, nor has it eliminated the use of the park area by waterfowl. It is quite possible to see many bird species, including ducks, heron and occasionally a bald eagle within the park area, as witnessed by the annual Audubon Society bird count. This is in spite of the heavy usage the Green Belt pathway enjoys.

What I can see in this proposal is a blatant attempt to deny the general public of many hours of enjoyment of the river environment in an effort to maintain a private river setting for homes to be built in the adjacent area by the developers of the housing project.

We are very fortunate to have the Green Belt system in the City of Boise. If you are not familiar with the system, I would urge you to familiarize yourselves with the completed areas and observe the enjoyment that citizens of all ages reap from the pathway.

I urge you to deny this proposed rerouting. Let's stick with the original philosophy of the Green Belt idea and not have our paths end up meandering through subdivisions, but along the natural river habitat that can be enjoyed by all.

Sincerely,

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