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Subject: Public Hearing Comment: BESS zoning ordinance amendment request - Dawn Circle resident

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Dear President Jordan and Members of the Haverhill City Council,

As a resident of Dawn Circle living adjacent to the Upper Hilldale Avenue industrial corridor, I am writing to formally request that the Council include specific neighborhood noise protections in the text of the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ordinance before it is approved.

Because our neighborhood experiences significant fluctuations in background noise throughout the day, I ask that the final zoning ordinance mandate the following two protections for all future developers targeting the Hilldale corridor:

1. **Pre-Construction Ambient Sound Studies:** Require a mandatory, continuous 7-day sound monitoring study—including specialized nighttime metrics (L_{90} tracking between 1:00 AM and 4:00 AM)—at the nearest residential property lines *before* a site plan can be approved.
2. **Strict Post-Construction Enforcement:** Include clear language giving the Haverhill Building Inspector the immediate authority to mandate independent, third-party field verification testing if residents log continuous low-frequency noise or "pure tone" hum complaints after the facility is operational.

Please enter this specific amendment request into the official public hearing record for the September 15, 2026 meeting. Thank you for your time and for protecting the peace and quiet of the Dawn Circle neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Joe Walsh

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