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Hello,

I'm writing to respond to a variance hearing on P&Z Number: **25-11000002**.

The request is from Mark Ruffu to extend a dock up to 11 feet into the waterway, an increase from the 8 feet permitted. I am against granting this request for the following reasons:

**1. Navigational Obstruction**

- Even 3 extra feet could create a hazard or obstruction to navigation, especially in this narrow portion of the waterway.

**2. Slippery Slope / Precedent**

- Granting this variance might set a precedent for others to request longer docks, eventually overcrowding the waterway or affecting its use and aesthetics.

**3. Environmental Impact**

- Longer docks can affect seagrass, marine life, and water flow.

**4. Visual and Property Impact**

- It could alter neighbors' view or decrease neighbors' property's appeal (or value), especially if it sets the stage for even more variances.

**5. Possible Erosion of Regulation**

- Allowing exceptions weakens the enforcement of existing codes, potentially making future enforcement more difficult.

**6. Repurposing of Public Property for Personal Gain**

- The intercostal waterway is what makes Pompano Beach so special, and claiming part of that resource for the benefit of a few people is not fair to other residents of the City of Pompano Beach.

Please strongly consider the points I have made above. I am resident of Pompano Beach and live on Lake Santa Barbara.

Regards,

Tawny Ryder