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Dear Ms. Kerfoot,

My name is Carla Fells, I am the property owner of both parcels 008-125-07/06. I am writing to oppose the street name change for E 10th Street to Feemster Street. My reasons are for safety and security reasons. I have a disabled brother who is autistic still living at 1475 E. 10th Street. It is the only home he has known his entire life. Two years ago the fence behind our house caught on fire. He has been taught to call 911 for assistance in case I or his caregiver is not with him.

Additionally, I care for my deceased mom's 93 year old neighbor who lives at 1455 E 10th Street who has been diagnosed with early signs dementia and has on a couple of occasions walked off. I spoke to her landlord and he has no problem with my speaking for her in opposition. She remembers her address and my phone number and twice RPD has had to help me find her both times she was able to tell them her address and was able to be brought home. Both have caregivers, but upon occasions have brief periods when they are home alone. It is imperative for their safety that their routines and information not change, both have had this address over 50 years.

Both of these people have mental deficiencies that are critical to the ability to call for and/or be able to tell emergency services and anyone else their address. I have known Mrs. Feemster my entire life, her children and I have gone to school together and it is no disrespect to her that I oppose this action. Previously I supported and sent a letter of support to name the school in her honor. I also think the more appropriate and fitting homage and respect to her should be something that is utilized community wide, similar to the Evelyn Mount Facility. Possibly Washoe County should consider naming the Senior Center across the street from her home utilized by numerous members of the community would be a more fitting tribute.

I have contacted several neighbors who are elderly on the street, one did not know she could oppose the naming of the street and couldn't remember where she put the letter, but is concerned that she has numerous family and friends she has communicated with over the years exchanging letters and cards, and she also does not want a change in her address she has lived there over 70 years.

I grew up on this street and the neighbors I have been able to contact are "renters" and are not vested in either name and some have expressed they don't have time to attend the meeting to oppose it. As a lifelong resident of this neighborhood and the above stated reasons, I implore the committee to take into account the average age of the homeowners on this street is 70+ if they own their home, and while it isn't a huge expense to change their licenses and other accounts, most have no idea there will be some expense associated with this endeavor until the name is changed! Both of my parents are deceased only a few remaining neighbors are original to this street.

Thank you for allowing me input into this process I will try and attend the meeting by zoom tomorrow, if not I do want my concerns to be taken in to account.