

Please find some potential talking points or thought starters below.
 If you choose to speak please keep your comments **respectful, thoughtful, appropriate, and brief (no more than 5 minutes)!**

Topic	Talking Point
Neighborhood Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe the neighborhood will be considered less safe due to the association between current and former drug users with crime and violence. My perceived safety and general welfare will decline due to this facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 800 to 1,000 patients would be treated each year • According to the proposed facility operator (Malvern Institute), treatment plans for these patients typically include impulse control, anger management, coping mechanisms, denial, and resistance to treatment
Bethlehem Catholic High School (Becahi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe this proposed facility will have a significant negative effect on the long-term viability of Becahi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about safety will adversely affect family decisions to enroll their children in this private school • Locating the proposed facility next to Becahi will deter students from walking to school, using Becahi's playing fields, participating in sporting and other extra-curricular activities and increase their safety risk
Target Patient Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am concerned that Malvern may not be the sole- and long-term operator of this proposed facility and thus, the target patient population may shift more towards those with criminal backgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no guarantees that Malvern will be the sole- and long-term operator of this facility • Because of this, Atiyeh may choose to shift his target patient population towards work-release, DUI offenders, and non-support offenders (as he is currently pursuing in West Easton)
Additional Drug and Alcohol Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe that once the facility is approved, it will attract more drug and alcohol treatment related activities. I am concerned that Mr. Atiyeh may transform this area into a drug and alcohol treatment complex of various in-patient and out-patient centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example, the developer Mr. Atiyeh has already proposed a 125 bed drug, alcohol, and psychiatric facility across the street • Furthermore, he is actively pursuing the purchase of residences that he may use as other outpatient facilities
Neighborhood Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe the proposed facility in this location is fundamentally inconsistent with the character of this stable, middle-class, mature neighborhood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The immediate area consists of playing fields, churches, retirement communities, and homes. There are no facilities of this kind in this neighborhood • Furthermore, the important need that this facility would provide could be met by the 13 treatment facilities within just 6 miles of this area (zipcode 18017)