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Chief Frank Hooper
City of Gainesville Police Department
118 Jesse Jewell Parkway
P.O. Box 2496
Gainesville, GA 30503

Re: Chicopee Woods at I-985 Radar Trap

Dear Chief Hooper,

I am highly concerned about Gainesville's intentions with a proposed annexation along I-985 near Chicopee Woods. It would appear that the City of Gainesville is taking the same approach that the City of Oakwood has taken for years to use their police force as a principal means of revenue generation. I see no other reason for the proposed annexation other than to identify a prime spot for a speed trap along I-985.

I oppose using public safety enforcement simply as a means to raise revenue. It seems that the police department would be better served to concentrate its efforts on crime prevention rather than focusing so much effort and energy on raising revenue through speed traps.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the commission office. Hall County intends to oppose this annexation. I do not see the important public purpose that is served by this action.

Sincerely,

Bobby Banks
Hall County Commissioner, District 1

cc: Mayor Myrtle Figueras
Kip Padgett, Gainesville City Manager
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