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Dear Mayor O'dekirk and the Joliet City Council:

On behalf of Cheers to the Warriors, I am writing to alert you to the alarming problem we have at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery with the growing number of semi trucks. On several occasions, truck drivers have gotten lost inside the cemetery and have literally driven over our heroes graves.

Another critical concern is that these large trucks are interfering with military funeral processions along Route 53, including driving in between the hearses and processional vehicles behind.

There are too many unanswered questions for any of you to be considering a project of this magnitude, including traffic management within and outside Joliet's borders. Decisions on the bridge, traffic patterns and roads have not been finalized.

We have many members who have been following NorthPoint for the past few years. We are convinced that none of the options NorthPoint has presented, including with their proposed bridge over Walter Strawn Drive, will protect our cemetery and only increase the frequency of problems with current issues with funeral processions.

For these and many other reasons, we are strongly opposed to NorthPoint Development in any proximity between Interstate 80, Interstate 55 and Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, regardless whether the bridge gets approved or not.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Jans

President, Cheers to the Warriors