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See below

Thank you,

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Dear Commissioners,
On Wednesday, 1/24/21, I submitted a letter to the editor of the Daily Progress regarding the Overlook Hotel (see below) Perhaps the commissioners should take a look at where this hotel is proposed to be constructed and observe the amount of cars traveling both east and west bound. As mentioned in the letter, the entrance to the hotel would be right at the right hand turn lane onto Hansen Road. I'm sure some of you may have had to turn west onto Rt 250 from one of the car dealerships and know how treacherous that it to make. I urge the commissioners to reject this hotel on a matter of safety.
Thanks you

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Letter to the Editor:

In Wednesday 1/24/21 Daily Progress article "Residents Question Need for New Hotel", the question of whether the Pantops area needs a another hotel was asked. Suburban Capital plans to build the 125 room Overlook Hotel and is asking Albemarle County to change the zoning for the 2.7 acre lot located next to the Auto Superstore. This is not just a question of Pantops needing another hotel

(there already is Hilton Garden Inn, Comfort Inn, the under construction Holiday Inn Express) but a question of traffic safety. The hotel being placed just before the right hand turn lane for Hansen Road is an accident waiting to happen. The right in/right out entrance and exit that Doug Ellis of Suburban Capital stated will cause problems also. Considering that most of the guests will be coming from I64 on Rt 250 West, they will not be able to turn into the hotel without making a U-turn somewhere. But where? It is treacherous enough making left turns from Rt 250 west without having travelers not familiar with the area attempting to make U-turns somewhere on that stretch of Rt 250 to access the hotel. The same goes for hotel guests wanting to travel onto Rt 250 west from the hotel. They would have to figure out a way to make a U-turn or just make an illegal left turn. I have seen many people coming out of Hansen Road, which has a Right Turn Only sign posted, make illegal left turns onto Rt 250 West. And how many hotel guests will attempt to cross Rt 250 on foot to access the restaurants on the other side? It won't be long before a pedestrian is fatally hit by a car. Albemarle County should reject the proposal to change the zoning for this parcel. Pantops does not need another hotel and it definitely doesn't need anymore traffic accidents!