



An Open Letter to the Bedford Community, **Wal-Mart or Not?**

Clearly, the Township has embarked on a calculated effort to keep Wal-Mart out without a public vote on the issue—either by the electorate or by the politicians. It changed the Master Plan and the building rules to meet this goal, and they achieved it - Wal-Mart is going to Toledo. The damage our politicians have done to the public trust, and their complete lack of integrity, will be felt for years to come. And none of this willful, intentional evil will affect Wal-Mart. It only affects our community.

The actions of the Township have taught us a lot. Our building, here since 1978, is non-conforming, along with most other commercial buildings, and our Township's ideal vision for the future is to have our business go to our Toledo competitors.

We need to stay current with our competitors and are going ahead with a request to expand our company. We are going to battle with the Township over their treatment of our land, the new rules, and their ruining of our employees' livelihoods. I would ask you, out of simple fairness and integrity, to join us in this fight against evil.

We are also a proud member of Bedford Industrial and Commercial Association (BICA), a group determined to change where our politicians are headed. BICA is concerned by our leaders' lack of values and the effect this will have on future generations. If you feel as we do about our current Board, please join us in our effort to bring about change in a situation that is so clearly damaging to our community.

Sincerely,

Jon Whitman