
Subject: FW: Land Annexation Monroe, NY

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Our names are Rosemary Knapp and Margaret Farrell Fasano and we have been residents of the town of Monroe for over 35 years. We attended the "scoping" session in Kiryas Joel on Monday, September 22 and although we did not speak, we have many concerns regarding the proposed annexation of 164 acres of land into Kiryas Joel.

1. Roads - The main roads leading in and out of Kiryas Joel are County Road 105, Schunnemunk Road, Bakertown Road and Seven Springs Road. Many of the roads in and around Monroe are 2 lanes only. How will the proposed annexation impact these roadways? What happens to the auxiliary roads, i.e. Route 17M, Lakes Road, Smith Clove Road? The number of buses, taxis and cars on these roads will increase tremendously, who will manage the congestion and integrity of these roadways?

2. Environment

a. Sewer - Sewer District #1 is at or near capacity now, how will this town handle the waste treatment?
b. Water - The scarcity of water in our town is a very serious situation, we pay a lot of money for our water use now. The increase use by more development in this area will increase the amount of money we now pay and add to an already tax burdened community.

c. Ramapo River - Who monitors the river now and who will monitor it in the future? As you are aware, the Ramapo River provides water to a large population in Northern New Jersey. In all the issues concerning this annexation, we have heard very little in regard to the dangers that threaten this valuable river.

3. Social - It has been proven that 93% of the people living in Kiryas Joel are on public assistance, a staggering amount higher than the other communities combined in Orange County. Looking at the population growth in this community in the past 3 years, if this annexation is approved, can we expect significant population increase in the next 3 years. If so, will the expectations of receiving public assistance from our county match those numbers above? Where does the tax burden fall?

The reasons we have called Monroe home for over 35 years are many: the trees, the beautiful landscape, the air quality, the rural character and charm that makes this town what it is today. Will the view of mountains in the background of Monroe be replaced by high density urban development? Look around your community and speak of what you want for your area that you work in, play in and live in, we are asking for the same for our community.

Please be very careful in assessing all of the issues that the people of Monroe have addressed to you so that our community remains the same. Through investigation, we hope you realize that this annexation will ruin our community.

Sincerely,

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