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Please add the following to my remarks given at the June 10, 2015 DGEIS public hearing:

Given that each of the two, simultaneous annexation petitions offered just 90 seconds of public comment for a total of three minutes, I and many others did not have sufficient time to provide our remarks at the June 10, 2015 public hearing.

If I was afforded adequate time at the hearing, I would have concluded by requesting that Kiryas Joel officials make a genuine effort towards peaceful relations with neighboring communities. Hostilely taking land, forcing lawsuits, forcing state legislation, and dividing the very place we all call home are circumstances that I would hope no one wants to live by. So many, including thousands of residents in Kiryas Joel, have long looked for village officials to engage with neighboring communities and work towards peace. I look forward to that day.