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**RE: PROPOSED ANNEXATION to VILLAGE OF KIRYAS JOEL
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

TO: Tim Miller, Tim Miller Associates, Inc., 10 North Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516,

Please note my strong objection to the proposed annexation of 507 acres of land, 177 tax lots from the Town of Monroe to the Village of Kiryas Joel, and the subsequent petition to annex an additional 164 acres. It is surprising that the Village of Kiryas Joel Board of Trustees has been approved to be the lead agency for the Draft GEIS for this project. This seems a clear conflict of interest.

The proposed development plan does not take into account the current impact on water for Rockland County. The proposed source of water is not clearly delineated and much is left to be determined later. Planning cannot be done on blind trust. Prior to approving any kind of annexation clear plans need to be in place that note the source of all drinking water and the plan for wastewater.

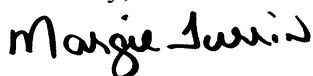
Rockland draws a third of her water resources from well fields in the Ramapo River. Currently the water being pulled for drinking water is primarily groundwater from the wells, however there are times that, in addition to the well water, this water is pulling surface water. This means an extra layer of purification is required which is an extra cost to United Water and ultimately the customers as the end users.

Currently there are wastewater discharges upstream of the Ramapo Valley and Suffern well fields of approximately 8 mgd., which coincidentally is equal to the amount of river flow at these well fields during times of drought. This wastewater amount will increase with the new development being discussed as part of this annexation, which will overwhelm the flow in this area.

Rockland County commissioned a USGS study to look at our water resources from the period 2005-2007. This report (USGS 2010-5245, Paul Heisig) was published in 2010 and noted that during times of drought most of the well fields' water supply comes from the river, not the wells. I have already noted that during times of drought this flow is primarily treated wastewater. This is a major concern as the wastewater plant was not designed to treat the water up to drinking water standards and this added 'flush' of wastewater into the Ramapo will require added and costly treatment prior to use as drinking water.

Without a clear plan for a reliable water source that does not jeopardize existing water users this plan should not even be under discussion. Our resources have limits and this needs to be recognized and considered in planning. I join with many others in objecting to this proposal.

Sincerely,



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