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Subject: Impact of proposed Kiryas Joel annexation

To whom it may concern;

I moved to the Hudson Valley in 2003. Having been raised in Northern Bergen County I was attracted to the beauty of this area. Having always been a nature lover I am deeply concerned about the impacts the possible Kiryas Joel annexation would have to our environment, our property values and, our school system.

When I purchased my home, I knew that the area I bought in was zoned for single family houses. When the people/corporations purchased their land in the area under question for the annexation, they were aware (or should have been aware)of what the zoning was. Period.

I am very concerned that the possibility of this annexation and the multitude of negative impacts that it will have not only on those of us in Monroe, but to the entire county as well if Kiryas Joel doubles in size. There will be an increase in traffic on already heavily traveled roads. Pollution from the additional car, bus, and truck traffic will negatively impact air quality in Monroe and surrounding towns. There is not enough water as it is and if there were, there's no place for the sewage waste to go. The Ramapo River is already in danger of becoming a dead river

For the State, County, or even Town of Monroe to even consider this preposterous annexation is in itself, a violation of common sense as well as a violation of the Constitution and the Establishment Clause. To allow a Village with a very long history of environmental and ecological violations and fines to be in charge of the SEQRA process is reckless.

If this annexation is allowed to proceed the current rural residential zoning will immediately be changed to allow for high-density condominiums. The clearcutting of trees will replace a lush green backdrop. Wildlife will be displaced and wetlands will most assuredly be disturbed causing many problems with rainwater runoff.

Simply put, this annexation should not be allowed as it does nothing to benefit the town of Monroe.

Please consider my concerns expressed in my email.

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