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Re: SCOPING SESSION COMMENTS

First of all I think it is necessary to comment on the fact that the March 3rd Scoping Session held at Kiryas Joel was not rescheduled due to the Winter Storm that evening. Unfortunately, this is just another point to prove the lack of community among the KJ leadership. I wanted to attend but couldn't due to the hazardous road conditions.

What is important to me concerning the 507 acre annexation by KJ is the incredible negative effect this will have on the vast majority of not just the town of Monroe, but of the county and the state.

What is foremost, and should be the major concern of EVERYONE, is the environment. The effect on the Ramapo River alone warrants the denial of this petition. I am certain this is on many peoples' mind and has been reiterated time and again. The proven history and lack of action on behalf of KJ is well documented and proven.

Another big concern is welfare. What is the estimated number of families and individuals who will live on the additional 507 acres? What percentage of those residents will be on public assistance? Who will ultimately pay for this?

What effect will this have on our school district? Look at Ramapo and guarantee it won't, and can't, happen here?

How many new drivers will be a part of this annexation? Who will pay for the infrastructure, maintenance and traffic? And what about the added effects of pollution? The quality of air as a result of increased traffic is yet another major concern.

The added noise pollution and light pollution can only have a negative effect.

What about the landscape? I live in rural America because I don't like high density housing. The forests and lawns give our neighborhoods the desirable location. Not the concrete. What about my options and my choices?

Quality of life for this area will be so adversely affected!

Now, assuming that all of my questions will be answered, will the studies and analysis be completed on a fully independent investigation? Will all the facts be vetted and will

due diligence be performed? And how will the general public be assured of this? History does not bode well.

Until proven otherwise, and unless completely independent thought is shared by all, and neighbors and community have a valid input, it appears that the state has left the fox to guard the henhouse. Please prove me wrong.

I am a respectful neighbor and harbor no ill will toward any of my neighbors and community. What is very important, and must be addressed in order to prove that KJ holds the same principles, please do not paint me as biased or anti-Semitic because of mine. My choice is just as important as any other individual.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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