

Good Evening, My name is Chaya Wieder, a resident on Seven Springs Rd, in Town of Monroe. I'm one of the many applicants of the 507 acres annexation application, and I thank you for the opportunity to listen to our concerns. I would like to bring up some points and recommend that the appropriate studies be done regarding the issues of great concern to me, my family, and my neighbors!

My husband and I, are hardworking people. We are blessed with 4 children and we both work hard to raise them, while holding a job to help provide for their needs. We pay one of the highest rates of school tax in NY State, We pay County and Town tax on our property, obviously we pay utility tax, sewer tax,, Sales Tax, we pay social security tax and YES contrary to popular believe, and what we have been accused of we do pay income tax too!

I'd like to point out to you that the director of transportation of Monroe Woodbury School District, once told a family member of mine that Seven Springs Road, where we live, is the most, or one of the most dangerous roads in Orange County! I would ask you to study how to improve pedestrian safety in my neighborhood. In addition to being an unsafe road, there are no street lights and no sidewalks to speak of. I cannot allow my children to go the next door neighbor alone, not in daylight, and definitely in the dark. I would hope that under the leadership of Kiryas Joel Village these issues can and will be addressed.

I would also like you to study if my family and I will be eligible to have the service of the KJ Fire department and KJ Public Safety. It's so sad, both stations are right around the corner from me, but when I call for help, I'm told they can't service our area because I live outside of the Village. Not to mention that on Shabbos and Jewish Holidays we really feel a lack of safety and security, we would hope that the KJ Public Safety officers will add us to their regular route. I would also hope that the Village bus will incorporate us into their route. We really feel cut off from the entire community without easy access to important destinations.

Every parent wants to raise their children to belong in the community that they are raised! We want our children to have access to the Medical Center, Schools, and definitely the new village Park on Larkin Drive, just like all the other children in our community. Please include these factors in your study.

Last but not least, I would hope to be able to build some additional apartments on my vacant land, so that my 4 children can stay living next to us, we want to enjoy the next generation and see them grow up. I want to ask you to include in your study both issues, the issue of building on our land, and it goes without saying, the issue of providing us water and sewer. In our neighborhood we each must maintain private wells and private septic tanks. Needless to say our wells are always giving us a hard time – will we be getting water supplied from KJ? Will we finally be getting sewer? We've been paying a sewer bond for many years!

One more question that has been bothering me for a long time, that I want to raise and I ask you to include in your study! I want to know how much is every county tax payer saving by NOT having 12,000 Kiryas Joel Children enrolled in the Public Schools funded by the tax payers! I know how much I pay in Monroe Woodbury school taxes and I am also paying tuition for my children to attend Private Schools in Kiryas Joel, so I assume the amount is significant!

I also want to know, why the County has 2500 employees but has NOT hired a single KJ resident to work in our County Government?

Thank You for your time!