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Lance MacMillan, PE - Regional Director
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New York State Department of Transportation
4 Burnette Blvd.
Poughkeepsie NY, 12603

Via Email

Re: Traffic Impacts of Proposed Warehouse at 2021 NYS Route 44/55 in Plattekill

Dear Mr. Charleston and Mr. MacMillan:

As you are aware, the Town of Plattekill is considering an application for a 451,000-square-foot warehousing facility located at 2021 NYS Route 44/55 in the Town of Plattekill's BD-60 zoning district, and we write to express our great concern that the existing traffic analysis is flawed and insufficient for decision-making purposes. We respectfully urge the NYS Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) to require and oversee a more rigorous assessment of traffic and safety issues.

The proposed warehouse has generated considerable concerns from neighbors, members of the public, and elected officials in the adjoining communities of Gardiner and New Paltz. The Ulster County Planning Board, in its review of the project, has raised several issues regarding the estimated truck traffic that the site would generate, including the calculation and timing of trips. The County Planning Board review also expressed concerns about sight distances and issues with speed at the site access road, as well as the ability of trucks to navigate portions of the state highway system safely and remain in their lane.

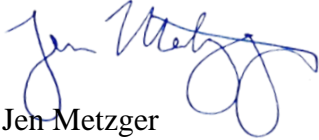
As an Involved Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and in keeping with the Department's concern for the safety of all road users, NYS DOT's purview includes the capacity and geometry of the roads that must be traversed to access regional destinations. We urge the Department to require a revised traffic analysis and address concerns raised by adjoining communities and the County Planning Board as part of any decision on the

project. We further encourage the Department to ensure that this effort is made transparent to the public prior to any final decision.

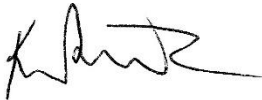
Changes in e-commerce are increasing the demand by the retail industry for facilities like this to shorten delivery runs and quicken delivery time, and the review of this project offers the opportunity for the Department to address how best to assess sites for future facilities of this nature to ensure that they are in keeping with transportation safety and community character.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this important matter, and we look forward to a timely response.

Sincerely,



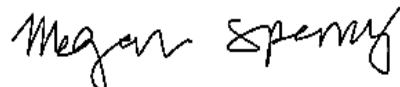
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