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"in support of Costco on crossgates property"

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Dear Mr. Kovalchik â€“

Iâ€™m writing to you as a supporter of the Costco and residential project that were submitted by Pyramid/Crossgates. I raised my daughter in Guilderland, who is now an adult, about a mile from Crossgates. As a teenager/young adult, she worked at Crossgates, and I have had several friends who also have worked there as well for many years now. Besides which, it is place that I have attended concerts, had many dinners, have seen movies and shopped at more times than I could possibly count.

I watched the public hearing last week and heard some great supportive comments from those that live within the town, others that work there and others that have businesses nearby that benefit from the activity at Crossgates. I also heard comments from those opposing the project that spoke to the traffic on Western Avenue in particular. Whatâ€™s interesting to note, is that if you do some digging online, while the change in population has increased over the past 10 years, data from the DOT, which is publicly available for all to see, shows that traffic along Western Avenue has actually decreased. Iâ€™ve traveled that portion of Western Avenue for years now and never see the sheer amount of â€œtrafficâ€ that those folks spoke of in that area. Why would we not want this great national retailer to add to the selection we have, right here in Guilderland, on a stretch of Route 20 that was made for commercial use?

On another note, as we begin to reopen businesses that have struggled due to the COVID-19 crisis, why would we want to turn away development like this that can only help make an area stronger? Our towns need more tax revenue, our schools need more revenue to keep our children thriving and our businesses need guests to shop there so that we can bounce back.

Please accept my support for this project. I hope we can see it come to life.

Thank you-
Stephanie Lagace