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Letter from Capital City Diner

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Dear Guilderland Town Officials,

I have been serving our community for 10 years and I am forever grateful to the residents of Guilderland for their support. I generally try to stay away from politics and controversial issues because I would never want to alienate any of the people who have supported our business throughout the decades. But I feel that I must share my thoughts and reasons why I support the plan to bring a Costco to the town, while understanding that good people can have valid and, at times, opposing views.

As a local small business, we rely on a dedicated and loyal customer base. In our case we provide good food, a nice and fun environment and competitive pricing. The same can be said for countless businesses in our town regarding the goods or services they offer. In addition to our loyal customers, we also rely on the occasional diner and folks "passing through." We are fortunate to be on a well-traveled road and near the Mall, which provides additional customers for us.

The small business community relies on these partnerships and a cooperative business ecosystem to help each other. I have always believed in the saying that "a rising tide lifts all boats." This project will not only be beneficial to Costco, Crossgates and all the stores inside, but it will also benefit countless small local businesses, like ours, in Guilderland.

I understand the concerns of many who oppose the construction. I had concerns as well in regard to traffic congestion and patterns. I believe that if we work together, and most importantly listen to each other, we can realize a plan that we can all be proud of.

I support this plan because I know it will support local small businesses and our economy, and I am confident that it will be a positive development in town.

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