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Kenneth Kovalchik
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**Re: Crossgates Development – Rapp Road Residential/Crossgates
DEIS Public Comment**

Dear Mr. Kovalchik:

I would like to start by thanking you for your deliberate and diligent effort to review and listen to residents about the proposed development at Crossgates. The most important responsibility for our local communities is balancing smart development with the assurance that the character of a town or city is adequately enhanced.

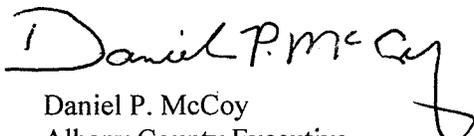
I wanted to share my thoughts as part of the public comment period not only as the County Executive but also as an Albany County resident. First and foremost, Crossgates is an economic driver that is important to the entire county. More than 2,700 people work at the complex, and majority of the employees are residents of the Town of Guilderland or Albany County.

Crossgates has continued to remain strong in a changing retail landscape. Their impact is significant, and they are a tremendous contributor to property and sales tax revenue for Guilderland and the surrounding communities.

The proposal that they've put forth to develop within their existing land is consistent with the Westmere Corridor Study and the Transit Oriented District. Growth must be planned for and Guilderland Town officials have worked carefully to provide a roadmap for success.

Because I have studied this plan, I am in support of the projects and the continued strength of this economic hub for Albany County. These projects will lead to much needed job creation and government revenue, while supporting responsible growth.

Respectfully,


Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive