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Donald Csaposs
Executive Director
Town of Guilderland Industrial Development Agency
Guilderland Town Hall
5209 Western Turnpike
Guilderland, NY 12084

RE: Proposed Costco Development

Dear Mr. Csaposs:

I would like to start by saying that deliberate and diligent efforts to review and listen to residents about the proposed development at Crossgates are appreciated. 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.

In the past, I have shared my thoughts on this with the Planning and Zoning Boards as the County Executive and as an Albany County resident and would like to do so again. First, the Costco Project will bring jobs, sales tax, property tax and other government revenues to Guilderland and Albany County. The nearly \$40 million project will create both construction jobs and over 100 permanent jobs for area residents.

The Town has approved the Costco Project on multiple occasions including the Planning Board's recommendation and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Guilderland IDA has supported other projects along Western Avenue and zoning for the area supports this type of commercial development. Additionally, the project includes many community benefits including a roundabout for CDTA and local traffic, new sidewalks and a multi-use trail along Crossgates Mall Road.

After studying the plan for this project, I am in support and believe it will help strengthen Albany County's economy. This will lead to much needed job creation and government revenue, while supporting responsible growth.

Respectfully,


Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive