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**Costco/ Pyramid Corporation . A sad viewpoint**

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Mr Csaposs,

My name is Wendy Dwyer, I am a taxpayer on a small piece of the land I grew up on in Guilderland Center . I save it for the natural world to enjoy. I am also a taxpayer in the City of Albany where I recently bought a home on Golder St. to move to in the next few years. I am a retired registered nurse and former volunteer firefighter.

I want you to know I am a lifelong opponent of Crossgates Maul ( intentional) sitting on globally rare earth. But since it is there, despite strong opposition from day one since sadly, Guilderland "leaders" could not understand the significance of being landlord to the precious fragile Pine Bush and only a small piece is left, the egregious Pyramid Corporation, all their LLC secret names ( different name, same shame ) etc. could at LEAST pay their full assessed taxes like everyone else. They never stop looking to undercut the residents of Albany County. And Guilderland laps it up every time. Here we go again. More tax breaks, more construction( destruction) , more money to the corporate thieves.

I thought you may like to see a picture of the Berkshire Mall sign, closed in 2019 I believe, a once lovely area ( pre maul) now old pavement and empty buildings soaking up and reflecting back heat helping warm the planet, where there could be trees on top of a hill in Lanesboro ( I know since I use the bike trail that runs by), it has now finally been sold. , It will be an indoor cannabis farm if permits go through . What does this say?

Guilderland, if only not so myopic, could have mandated Costco be built on the empty parking areas of Xgates Maul.

Common sense. And there will be more empty parking places I am sure .

Rather the town allowed a sweet , peaceful neighborhood to be trashed , more CD waste where there could have been families . Makes me sick. Such waste and lack of vision.

So since Pyramid ( and it's many other names) can get HUGE tax breaks on their assessment, maybe even 2 million dollars , where is mine? I want my assessments lowered since I will not benefit from a member only store, more CD waste in the landfills, more warming from more pavement and less trees, more idling cars, traffic, accidents, fumes, police and fire calls, traffic jams, bail outs, lost revenue as stores close going forward. Another stinking gas station when according to the CLCPA we are supposed to be working towards net zero emissions, planting trees, taxing polluters, electrifying the grid and so on. And wouldn't you think Guilderland would want to support the businesses they already have including gas stations??? Na. Kiss the corps.

It is the usual screw the people, screw the planet, this ends up screwing the children and pad the pockets of the corporate thieves.

Nothing against Costco other than the fact that people of low income likely will not be able to afford a membership but they WILL pay more taxes since Pyramid et al will not pay their full fair share, trickledown to the people to pay. I am writing this from a Costco step stool I perch in at the counter that is maybe 50 or so years old. Belonged to my parents, likely from Salvation Army thrift shop.

And of course more habitat for voiceless creatures lost. Squandered for stores, money , money , more money.

Only when the last fish has been caught...the last tree cut on Lawton will Guilderland " leaders " MAYBE wake up and see what their part has been in this tragic performance. It is a sad sad story. Sad for everyone except the few . But in the end, as we destroy everything we will all lose. We will all overheat . The droughts likely to come will suck the reservoir dry as it is taxed for more and more buildings. Fire department will battle fires, we will see we cannot eat money.