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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing in support of efforts currently being made to bring affordable and senior housing to Chappaqua at Chappaqua Crossing. My wife and I are retired teachers currently living in a town house complex in Bedford Corners. We have followed closely the events leading up to the potential development of the Readers' Digest property. We look forward to being among the first to purchase a residence on the beautiful site.

Having taught at Horace Greeley HS for a short period of time, I am familiar with the traffic problem at the entrance to the high school. That longstanding bottleneck has not been resolved. I would think that the town and the residents of that area would welcome the opportunity to have a developer finally do something to ameliorate the situation.

Recently, on my way into one of the Town Board's hearings, I overheard two young men discussing the potential residents of Chappaqua Crossing, categorizing them as "old people who would only vote down the school budget because they have no stake in education." I assure you many people my age maintain a love for learning and a clear understanding of the need for quality education. Moreover, my colleagues, friends and I have no intention of abrogating our commitment to the social contract that obligates us to educate future generations – don't forget, you're talking about our grandchildren's schools!

I encourage the Town Board to allow this project to proceed with all haste. I believe that Chappaqua Crossing will be boon to the community at large.

Sincerely yours,
Philip J. Wax, Jr.