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## **VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Honorable Jeremy Saland, Acting Town Supervisor  
and Members of the Town Board  
Town of New Castle  
200 South Greeley Avenue  
Chappaqua, New York 10514

Re: Chappaqua Hamlet Rezoning - Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS)

Dear Supervisor Saland and Members of the Board:

On behalf of my client the Chappaqua Central School District, I write to request that the Town Board postpone its current plan to accept as complete the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) at its September 30, 2021 meeting. The Town Board members, interested agencies like the School District, and members of the public all deserve additional time to review the FGEIS and provide comments to the Town Board before the FGEIS is accepted as complete. The current, severely compressed timetable does not allow the Town Board to receive, digest, and act on meaningful input from the School District and other interested agencies and members of the public.

Late on Friday September 17, 2021 the Town Board's consultant released the draft response to comments on Chapter 2H (Community Facilities and Services), the GEIS chapter of primary concern to the School District. On the Town Board's current schedule, Chapter 2H is among the very last chapters to be released and will be discussed at the September 21, 2021 Town Board meeting. At most, the School District and its environmental counsel and consultant will have two business days to review and prepare comments prior to the Town Board meeting on September 21. Although there will still be intervening days between September 21 and the proposed vote on September 30 to accept the FGEIS as complete, this schedule is not designed to elicit and digest the meaningful input required for the Town Board to take a hard look at potential environmental impacts under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

My client is concerned that the current process will allow the Town Board to "check the box" by responding to comments without building in time for further review and discussion. Hopefully this is not the case, and the Town Board will provide time for the School District to provide feedback on the draft FGEIS. I anticipate that an additional three weeks would be sufficient for this purpose.

Please advise as to whether a three week postponement is acceptable to the Town Board. (

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Stolorow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Stolorow

Cc: Members of the Chappaqua Central School District  
Board of Education ( )  
Superintendent Christine Ackerman ( )  
Jennifer Gray, Esq. ( )  
Sabrina Charney Hull ( )