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DRYDEN TOWN CLERK

Dear Dryden Town Board,

I'm a resident of Varna and live in the Hillside Acres Trailer Park. A few of my neighbors went to one of the Town Meetings awhile back.

I had heard in that meeting that they did a study on the traffic. I would very much like to know when that study was done and what time of the year. Why?

Within the last two years, two apartment/townhouse complexes have been put up. One at the top of the hill just before going into Varna- Ivy Ridge (I'm assuming it's associated with Cornell being 'Ivy' is in the name). In Varna, another apartment complex was built a few years back.

Traffic has since picked up from the time I moved in the trailer park back in 2012. HOWEVER, since 2002 to present, I have lived in Varna on and off. I've rented townhouses just up the road at 1062(?) Dryden Road and traffic was bad then.

I'm a Personal Care Aide (PCA) and I do not have set hours. When I've come out of the park there are not many times when I don't have to wait for traffic. In the winter time after it snows, it's worse. Traffic is crawling. I cannot call my boss and say, I'm going to be late because of traffic. My clients depend on me. (Enclosed is a picture back in 2014) in front of Varna Auto.

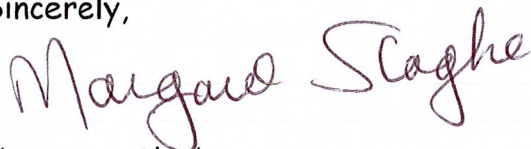
I strongly suggest that Trinitas or the Board do another traffic study. If my hunch is right, the traffic study was done years back and during the summer when schools aren't in session and the colleges are closed (enclosed dates schools are off).

I think it is high time Cornell gets the door slammed in their face. I did work for Cornell prior to retiring 3 years ago to take care of family. Back then they wanted to build housing for staff so they could live closer to Cornell. Cornell is building a 2000 bed apartments for the freshman on North Campus. They are currently building more housing in college town.

Varna is in a different township and I do not feel and I'm sure a lot of residents feel the same that Cornell should stay within their perimeters.

I know Trinitas CANNOT guarantee that their complex will be at 100% full occupancy. If this goes ahead, I would suggest to the board that if there isn't full capacity, that Trinitas make up the difference so that we as residents of Varna/Town of Dryden do not have to pay for the difference in our taxes/rent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Slaght". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

Margaret Slaght

Dates Not to Due

Cornell not in session:

October 12-16

November 27-December 2

December 14-January 21

February 22-26

March 28-April 6

May 17 - on

Ithaca Schools not in session:

December 23-January 6

January 20-24

April 6-11

June 16 - on

Ithaca College not in session:

October 16-21

November 23-December 1

December 16- January 21

March 7-15

May 4 - on

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