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To:

All members of Dryden Town Board  
Dryden Town Supervisor  
Dryden Town Code Enforcement Department  
Martha Robinson, Tompkins County Legislator

My wife and I reside at 525 Whitted Road, also known as 1904 Slaterville Road. We own several contiguous properties:

Tax map 73.-2-2. 525 Whitted Road, primary residence, Assessed \$212,000  
Tax map 73.-1-1. 1902 Slaterville Road. Rental house, Assessed at \$90,000  
Tax map 71.-1-37.2. 0 Slaterville Rd 25 acres vacant land. Assessed \$26,100

I wish to express our concern regarding the property at 1892 Slaterville Road, which adjoins our properties, and the frustration we have experienced dealing with the Town of Dryden over the past 15 years.

The majority of our contacts have been with former code enforcement officer Kevin Ezell. I was in frequent contact with Mr. Ezell expressing concern that the property at 1892 Slaterville Road was quickly turning into a junkyard, a use in violation of town zoning. We were repeatedly assured by Mr. Ezell that the situation would be addressed. When I would call for updates I was always told it was in process but no progress was observed. Actually the property seemed to become even more cluttered with trash as time went on. At one time Mr. Ezell told me that there was a provision in the town ordinance that would allow the town to go onto the property, clean up the trash, and bring the property back into compliance with zoning. The cost to do that would be added to the properties tax bill. Mr. Ezell indicated that there was another property the town had to cleanup first and that the property at 1892 Slaterville Road would be next in line. Needless to say that never happened. Every time I asked about it I was told it was in process.

Since Mr. Ezell left the employ of the Town of Dryden we have been working with David Sprout. In defense of Mr. Sprout, he inherited a nightmare that has grown out of control. He has indicated that there was no sign that any action had been taken to start any action for the town to go in and clean up the property. He has indicated that he would look into this for us.

A year or more ago the property owners moved a sizable RV type of trailer to the property and set it up alongside the stream that runs along the northern border

