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To: KovalcikK@togny.org <KovalcikK@togny.org>
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Dear Town of Guilderland Planning Board,

I am writing this letter in the hope that you approve the proposed project to build a Costco off of Western Avenue. After a careful review of the documents posted on the town website, it is clear to me that this plan is well thought out and is in accordance with existing plans and studies performed by local and regional officials, including the Town of Guilderland.

Every development has its potential negative impacts. The one which is commonly discussed in this case is traffic. Certainly, with a retail store like Costco, we would expect an increase of traffic. The question is whether the design and plan adequately mitigate the traffic? Upon careful consideration of the plans, I expect that much of the increase of traffic will be realized within the Crossgates Mall ring road, which can handle it, and keep excessive traffic off of Western Avenue. A crucial point to the plan is that there will be no access to the Costco directly from Western Avenue. I have been a Guilderland resident for over 45 years and have seen many changes to the Town. I am in favor of the plan to build a Costco in Town.

In closing, I also want to point out the donation of acres of land to the Albany Pine Bush and the Rapp Road Association. As a father of young children, I see this as a great idea by the property owners and one that will ensure that future generations can enjoy the rich history and natural resources of our area.

Sincerely,

Timothy Esmay, D.D.S.
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