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**Costco**

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To: csapossd@togny.org

Dear Mr. Csaposs: Here are my comments regarding the Costco project.

- 1) To shop at Costco, one has to pay a membership fee. Giving a tax abatement to a company that requires membership does not seem fair.
- 2) Costco is proposing to put in 18 gas pumps. We are in a climate crisis, and no new fossil fuel infrastructure should be built. No tax breaks should be given for companies that build new fossil fuel infrastructure.
- 3) The original request by Pyramid was tax abatement of \$475,000. A couple of weeks ago, they amended their request to \$2,198,000. This is a significant amount of a tax break to give a huge corporation like Pyramid.
- 4) Pyramid has sued the Town of Guilderland in the past over its tax assessment. The Town should not be rewarding Pyramid now with a tax break.
- 5) Years ago, Pyramid bought up the small neighborhood where Costco is proposed to be built, and then let the houses slowed deteriorate. Pyramid should not be rewarded with a tax break for creating this "ghost suburb".

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