

Town Clerk

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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Town Clerk; Mark Witmer; Review_Board
Cc: John Fracchia; Cal Snow; Irene Weiser; Tim Murray
Subject: Please Pass the Moratorium

To Whom It May Concern:

Looking out at the distant hillside views from my home is a joy I never imagined would be in danger of being taken away. I am troubled by the unfortunate events that compelled me to write this letter. The idea that the plot of land adjacent to the intersection of Landon Road and State Route 79 could be considered for a retail chain establishment such as a Dollar General store is something I, perhaps naively, didn't think was possible.

I understand that our local laws do not currently restrict this sort of construction project from happening, but I stand firmly with my neighbors and fellow community members in saying unequivocally that they should.

I urge you to pass the Moratorium on Actions Subject to Site Plan or Subdivision Review. I read the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and though I believe there is sufficient reason to deny the applicant's proposal in the plan as-is, I have confidence that the proposed revisions will solidify our precise vision for the community and either force this applicant to adapt their plans to be in line our community's wishes, or abandon the project as a whole.

Dollar General stores are indisputably littered around Ithaca and its surrounding towns and hamlets in every direction. There is frankly no rational basis for a picturesque landscape to be marred by an eyesore that will likely contaminate our natural water sources, disrupt the ecology of the wetland habitat that currently resides on the proposed lot, and introduce light, sound, and air pollution to our serene agrarian and residential area, not to mention drive away local business.

I thank you for your service to our community, your attention to this matter, and your resolve to do the right thing. Pass the proposed moratorium and give us the chance to do everything in our power to keep Caroline a place where we want to live and work for generations to come as it has been for the generations that came before us.

Sincerely,

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