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To: Town Clerk
Subject: Comment to Planning Board from Barbara Calabrese

From: Barbara Calabrese <barbaras.calabrese@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Planning_ Board <planning_board@townofcaroline.org>; Review_Board <Review_Board@townofcaroline.org>; Barbara Calabrese <BarbaraS.Calabrese@gmail.com>
Subject: Regarding potentially having a Dollar-type store in Town

I do not agree that a Building Moratorium has any place in this Town at this time. If the virus pandemic has taught us only one thing, it should be that ever community needs a place to purchase food and other essential items! We have no idea how long the State will continue to have a State of Emergency in effect. The 24 apartment units at Fountain Manor are largely people who don't own vehicles, making their family have to drive all the way to P&C (Town of Ithaca) or Dryden to buy groceries. If you survey the Dandy Mart they probably sell way more gas, beer and cigarettes than food, due to their high prices (no real competition). Try going to Dandy to buy basics such as eggs and milk, and roughly half the week they have zero in inventory. This has been going on for at least nine months, so obviously they don't really understand proper inventory control techniques. Money IS "going out of Town" NOW and has been for years. A local place would be of high value to residents of all ages and neighborhoods.

In addition, the intersection in question is really a driving hazard during normal times, with people driving their cars onto the shoulder to race around cars which are turning off of Route 79. The Town has the ability to *negotiate* with Companies and could perhaps have a traffic device installed at the expense of the owners of the project.

Disclosure: I am a former NY State Lic. Real Estate Broker.
Thank you,

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