

Town Clerk

From: Deborah <dcrhea@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:06 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Box Store on Rt. 79

I protest the establishment of a box store on Rt 79 at Landon Road. Contrary to popular belief, box stores do not return to the local community tax benefits equal to smaller, denser development. They create negative environmental impacts through their size and parking lot coverage. Their carbon footprints are excessive and their buildings are not sustainably designed and built. A box store located on a rural site creates sprawl and degrades the natural environment. Such a retailer should be encouraged to renovate and occupy existing building inventory, such as Urban Outfitters did in downtown Syracuse. I urge the town board to deny the application for a box store in Caroline, and encourage the retailer to invest in the area with a more fitting and sustainable retail approach. As a frequent visitor to Shindagin Hollow, I am personally interested in the health and welfare of Caroline and its environs, and I encourage the town board to protect the future of the area's natural environment.

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