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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Subject: Possible expansion of the University of New York in McKownville

McKownville includes about 1,000 homes and one square mile on the eastern edge of Guilderland.

The University at Albany is considering buying approximately 9 acres of residential land and two homes in McKownville to build a gymnasium for its students. Please do not permit the University to expand beyond its boundaries into the McKownville residential area. Since there is no bidder in the foreseeable future for the Harriman campus, it would be the best use for the University gymnasium.

The Harriman campus, if opened for University use, will prevent the University from competing with its neighbors for space and incurring the expense of creating buffers for the neighborhood. Local governments will have the opportunity to gain new tax revenue and provide space for the construction of more traditional University buildings such as a gymnasium.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity to make the Harriman campus an asset for the people of both the State and the Capital District while protecting McKownville from becoming overdeveloped by the University. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

