



The Assembly  
State of New York

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Member of Assembly

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Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo  
Executive Chamber  
New York State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor *Andrew* Cuomo:

Concern has been expressed by a number of my constituents related to the proposed purchase of a tract of land, currently held by a private estate which I understand the State University at Albany is considering for possible future expansion. The tract is located at the southeastern edge of the State University at Albany's campus, in the Hamlet of McKownville.

I have long advocated that the University curtail any development south of the campus ring road and consider instead expansion into the State owned Harriman Office Campus. By doing so the residential character and the taxable base of the McKownville area would not be impacted any further than it has been already.

The recent development of the Liberty Dormitory buildings on the south side of the University ring road has already encroached on the Albany city community. Any further expansion on the 9 plus acre tract that the University is considering would remove any buffer between the residential neighborhoods and detrimentally impact that community when there are other viable and more acceptable alternatives available. Meanwhile the amount of sprawling open space on the Washington Avenue (north side) of the campus and the disgraceful amount of surface parking further exacerbates the tensions in the "Town/Gown" relationship.

I invite your thoughtful examination of this issue.

Sincerely,

John J. McEneny  
Member of Assembly

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