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1 February 1955

Mr. John J. Welsh
Town Supervisor
Town of Guilderland
Guilderland, New York

Re: McKownville Water District

Dear Mr. Welsh:

In recent issues of the Albany City papers it was publicly stated that the City of Albany, N.Y., and the Department of Public Works of the State of New York, have proposed a new plan for street and highway development in and about the City of Albany and adjacent territory.

The citizens of our community are deeply concerned with this plan as to the extension of Schoolhouse Road in a northerly direction from Western Turnpike for the reason that any such extension would necessarily have to pass through, and materially effect the watershed of the district, and perhaps likewise would pass through the upper reservoir of the McKownville Water District.

It is not necessary to remind you that the New York State Thruway was permitted to construct the highway through this watershed to the detriment of the water consumers of the district. In fact, it is our understanding that the adjustment of the damage sustained by the Water District is still pending, much to the disappointment of the taxpayers of the district.

Your Board is conversant with the large sum of money expended by this community. Therefore, in order that there will be no repetition of the Thruway construction experience, we are directing your attention at this time to the proposed highway development plan initiated by the aforementioned groups, to the end that the interest of the Water District and its taxpayers are properly protected in every respect.

We shall expect a favorable report from you on this very vital and important matter at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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