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New York State Department of Public Works  
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Gentlemen:

In recent issues of the Albany City papers it was publicly stated that the New York State Department of Public Works and the City of Albany are proposing a new plan for street and highway development in and around the City of Albany.

The citizens of our community are deeply concerned as the published plan calls for the extension of Schoolhouse Road in a northerly direction from Western Turnpike and this would of necessity have to pass through, and materially affect the watershed of the District. Also, there is the possibility that this would pass through the upper reservoir of the McKownville Water District.

The New York State Thru-way was permitted to construct the highway through this watershed, which resulted in disruption of the water supply, discoloration of the water, and in fact made it necessary to use the Albany City water for several days. This not only caused great inconvenience to the taxpayers but has resulted in additional expense to the Water District.

We are asking you at this time to consider carefully the proposed highway development plan initiated by the aforementioned groups in order that the interest of the McKownville Water District and its taxpayers will be protected in every respect.

May we hear from you on this very vital matter in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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