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Dear Mr. TenHagen:

Thank you for your very prompt reply to our letter of 21 February 1955.

The residents of McKownville are not trying to stand in the way of progress, nor are they opposing the new highway, but at this time we are still negotiating with the Thru-Way Authority to collect the sum of \$38,000. - the amount necessary to remove silt accumulated by the construction of the Thru-Way so close to our watershed.

It has been estimated that it will cost all of this, and possibly more, to restore our reservoir to its original condition. During all this time our water has been either oily, dirty, or just plain muddy, in spite of a very substantial filtration plant.

Prior to actual construction we had letters from the New York State Thru-Way Authority, the New York State Department of Public Works, and the State Department of Health guaranteeing the water supply would be protected and we are therefore reluctant at this time to put too much faith in letters or contractors.

This organization, on behalf of the citizens of McKownville, wishes to go on record and make a vehement objection to any further desecration of our water supply. As already noted, we have experienced no end of trouble despite all sorts of guarantees, bonds, and promises that our interests would be protected and as a result we wish this situation would be given the most serious consideration.

At the time the final plans are developed we would appreciate having a map of the proposed highway sent us as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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