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Town of Poughkeepsie
Planning Board
1 Overocker Rd
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Re: MacDonnell Heights Town Center

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I live at 949 Dutchess Turnpike in one of the historic Frank Bother's Farm Houses. We bought our house to restore and live in the beautiful country setting of the Town of Poughkeepsie. I understand that development and change happens but, I am concerned that the proposed MacDonnell Heights Town Center will have an overall negative impact to our town, my neighbors, and my family. I have a child with Down syndrome and has sensory issues. My wife is at home all day with him serving as his care provider. I feel that I am being squeezed out with this entire project surrounding me. My concerns include the following:

1. What types of apartments are planed?
2. What type of businesses will be allowed to occupy the proposed commercial buildings?
3. What time limitations will be placed on construction during the day and holidays?
4. What noise abatement will be put in place to protect my family's quality of life?
5. What type of dust control will be put in place?
6. What insurances will we have that the developer will follow through on their promises to question 1 and 2?
7. Who will maintain the proposed parks?
8. More housing units equals more students; how will this impact our school taxes?
9. Can Arlington Fire Department handle the proposed growth without increasing equipment and crews and taxes?

I hope the Board will think about this proposed project thoroughly and understand how allowing it to proceed will transform one of the last open spaces and historic farm settings in the Town of Poughkeepsie forever.

Sincerely
Daniel Ortega