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Dutchess County Legislature
22 Market Street
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Re: Proposed Student Housing/Dormitories at Dutchess Community College

Dear Legislators:

It has come to our attention that Dutchess Community College has requested to lease property from the County for the purpose of building student housing near the main campus – a situation that greatly concerns the taxpayers, volunteers, staff and administration of the Fairview Fire District. At this time, the Fairview Fire District is vehemently opposed to the construction of any student housing for the DCC main campus due to safety and budgetary concerns.

The Fairview Fire District is already comprised of approximately 80% tax exempt properties and responded to 1,817 incidents in 2007. Responses to tax exempt properties accounted for 50% of incidents within our District boundaries.

Mostly due to the increase and expansion of tax exempt properties, our call volume has increased and the District has been forced to hire additional career staff and purchase additional equipment to provide fire protection and emergency medical services for these institutions at the expense of the small amount of actual taxpayers that are left.

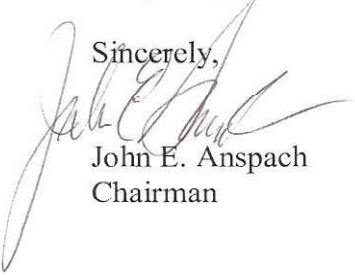
The Fairview Fire District is already operating at minimal manpower and operating at multiple incidents for approximately 16% of our calls and we cannot handle the burden of additional incidents that student housing presents as we are already struggling to meet current service demands.

Within the last two years we met with representatives from the Dutchess County Legislature to express concerns over student housing and were assured that the concept of student housing at DCC would not be entertained. It is very disconcerting, but not surprising, that we found out about the recent events from media coverage.


In addition, we have previously sent correspondence to the County requesting notification of any proposed projects within our response area and that our safety, manpower, equipment, response and financial concerns are addressed under environmental assessments and have received little to no information.

Once again, we are vehemently opposed to the construction of any student housing for the DCC main campus due to safety and budgetary concerns. It is our intention to take whatever steps are necessary to stop the project unless the concerns of the taxpayers and emergency responders are adequately addressed.

Sincerely,



John E. Anspach
Chairman



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Chief