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Subject: Opposition to Project at 1310 Bridge/Sag Turnpike

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Dear Mayor Schroeder,

My name is Jeff Cuje and I'm a resident of Sag Harbor at 25 Laurel Lane and registered voter in Suffolk County. I'm writing in opposition to the proposed project at 1310 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike. This project is so contrary to what should be allowed along the gateway to Sag Harbor Village. I can't think of a single one of my acquaintances in or out of the Village of Sag Harbor who would want such an offensive eyesore as they come to and from our beautiful village. Is this what you really want to see as you drive from Bridgehampton to Sag Harbor? This is a complete waste of land that is already being misused currently by PSEG and now made worse by this proposal. It is very perplexing that that this would even be proposed.

I'm sure that you are already aware that this land abuts a very unique ecosystem on the Long Pond Greenbelt which is home to many species of birds and wildlife-some even endangered. This proposal further threatens an already fragile area. Tow trucks, leaking cars and poor drainage will pose a risk to our water table and to the wetlands adjacent to this property should this misguided plan be carried out. Instead, the Town of Southampton should not only oppose this illegal use but to also consider imposing a required remediation of the property for the damage that has already been done. Without a doubt the current conditions of poor drainage and unapproved used of the property has caused soil and ground water contamination as well as the negative impact of clearing hundreds of trees. This is an environmental disaster that should never have been allowed in the first place.

Besides being an eyesore and environmental threat, this proposal will now cause a dangerous situation on a high speed road with cars on tow trucks coming in and out of this property in a mostly residential area. This increases the risk for accidents on an already risky road. All around this is a misguided and bad idea for Sag Harbor, Southampton and all those who are in favor of it. Please reconsider this proposal- It does not belong in this area. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeff Cuje