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VIA E-MAIL

July 31, 2019

Mr. Michael Avolio
Empire State Development Corporation
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Re: Belmont Park Redevelopment Civic and Land Use Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Avolio:

I am the Assemblyperson representing the 19th Assembly District which comprises parts of the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay including several communities which sit in close proximity to Belmont Park. I have been contacted by the Incorporated Village of Floral Park regarding their request for additional time to comment on the revised Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") as Amended July 22. Given the addition of a new LIRR Train Station as well as additional mitigation measures this request is reasonable and should be granted.

A new 24/7 Commuter LIRR Train Station, which was recently announced can serve an important role in the life of commuters to New York City who are currently underserved. At the same time, the proposed placement of commuter parking fields and the Belmont Park's interior roadway that will serve the train station are directly adjacent to local homes and an elementary school playground. As such, serious and candid dialogue with Floral Park and Bellerose neighbors is warranted. Area residents are justifiably concerned about noise at all hours of the night and day, air pollution, motor vehicle noise and the prospect vehicle access points being established into residential neighborhoods. In short, suburban neighbors deserve answers to questions about effective measures that will be taken to safeguard their suburban quality-of-life.

Additional time will allow the public who will be impacted by this Project to review and provide meaningful comment on the Amended FEIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward P. Ra".

Edward P. Ra
Member of Assembly