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Empire State Development
633 Third Ave
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Attn: Michael Avolio

Dear Mr. Avolio:

To all who are in charge of this Development: I hope you read our letters and carefully consider the information we are giving you.

Has anyone bothered to make a survey of the area? If you did you should know Hempstead Turnpike is the most dangerous road. More accidents and people have been killed here.

Floral Park has been built as a residential area. The roads are narrow and not built for heavy traffic. Many times when I am driving, if a car is coming in the opposite direction, one of us must pull over to avoid a head-on crash. If you know this and still go on with your plans, then you are greedy and inconsiderate, because you don't care about people's lives.

The Motel: Is it necessary to have a 250 room motel? I have not done a survey on this but do know there are 3 motels on Jericho Turnpike, one on Hempstead Turnpike in West Hempstead, and sure there are many others in the surrounding area.

Wednesday evening at the meeting I spoke regarding the shopping mall. This is absolutely not needed. The malls are hurting and looking for tenants. Many retail stores are closing. At one time in Garden City, Franklin Ave was known as the Ave of Fifth Ave. Today, only Lord and Taylor remains. I hope they can survive and remain there.

I, and many others, am not against the Islanders. They have many fans, including my children. But!!! Is it necessary to spend all this money on a stadium when we have Nassau Coliseum? When the Coliseum was built they had the Islanders in mind. It has everything they need. They want them and need them. Why not make this their home? The area is not as congested, and it is easily accessible. Why waste money on this project when it can be put to better use?

I know Belmont has deteriorated. It is not winterized. How can you expect people to come here under these conditions? Belmont is the only race track left in New York. **Save it.** Make it a home for horses. The horse is a beautiful animal and we are slowly getting rid of them. There are many different horse events that can be held here.

(Belmont) Home for Horses

Very truly yours,

Mary Petrosino