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Dover Planning Board  
126 East Duncan Hill Road  
Dover Plains, NY 12522

Dear Chairman Wylock and members of the Dover Planning Board,

**Rasco Materials, LLC, 2241 Route 22, Wingdale, NY**  
**Site Plan application**

Regrettably I am unable to appear in person to address you and the Board. However, I hope this letter will suffice to address the concerns that arose over the presentation of a letter from the Oblong Land Conservancy at your meeting of the 17th of May last.

As you may know the Oblong is a volunteer organization, with limited resources, and we do our best to monitor those projects that affect our interests. We were aware of the Rasco Application and were monitoring its progress with your Board but had not fully appreciated the impact that it could have upon our adjacent holdings were it to be approved.

Accordingly, on May 11th I formally requested, on behalf of Oblong, an extension of the Public Hearing but was uncertain whether that request would find favor with the Board. Since we had no way of knowing whether the Board would close the Public Hearing at the May 17th meeting we decided, at short notice, to enter some comments formally into the record.

We had previously instructed counsel in the form of Shannon LaFrance and sought from her guidance upon the points that should be made. A letter was drafted over the course of that weekend by LaFrance with input from me and was finalized late in the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>. It was ultimately agreed that Oblong would submit the comments rather than counsel since LaFrance was unable to attend the meeting. As it turned out I was unable to attend the meeting and Sybill Gilbert was asked, at very short notice, to read the letter into the record. I am not sure that Gilbert had seen the letter much before she was asked to read it.

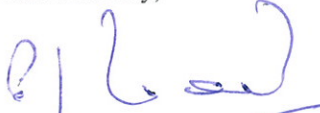
That all this took place at short notice meant that we did not even have our own letterhead available on which to print the letter.

I much regret the confusion that arose over the genesis of the letter and its presentation. It was never our intention to mislead or misrepresent our position in this matter. It was a good faith effort on both our part and that of our counsel to generate something at short notice.

Had there been more time, as it turned out there would have been, matters would have proceeded differently. 20/20 hindsight is a wonderful thing.

The ability to have this read into the record at this time is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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