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Mr. Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Southeast Planning Board
1 Main Street
Brewster, NY 10509

Re: Commercial Campus at Fields Corners
a.k.a. Northeast Interstate Logistics Center

Dear Chairman LaPerch:

I can't begin to express my disappointment with the draft final environmental impact statement (draft FEIS) that has been presented to the Southeast Planning Board. The draft FEIS continues to ignore the impacts that will occur to Fields Corners Road, and the surrounding road network in the Town of Patterson from the substantial increase in traffic generated by the Commercial Campus at Fields Corner. One of the most significant deficiencies is the flawed distribution model used for the assignment of vehicle trips in the "build" condition.

The FEIS acknowledges that in the "build" condition between 2,236 and 2,674 vehicles will pass through the Pugsley Road/Route 311 signalized intersection. Commuters wishing to travel to destinations to the north will need to navigate through all this traffic, passing through a series of three traffic lights, before entering onto I-84 west bound. The FEIS acknowledges that Peak Hour level of service on Pugsley Road, at the Route 312 intersection in the "build" condition will be a level of service "D". These conditions will inevitably lead to employees and trucks from the project to seek alternative routes to avoid the traffic congestion and delays at the Pugsley Road/Route 312 intersection. Since traffic traveling along and at the Route 312/Route 6 intersection will experience a significant reduction in the level of service, the only alternate route for commuters and smaller trucks from this project to avoid the traffic congestion and delay is Fields Corners Road and Fair Street, which the draft FEIS fails to acknowledge or address. For the draft FEIS to suggest that there

will be no increase at the intersection of Fields Corners Road and Fair Street is wrong. In addition, the FEIS traffic analysis is limited to studying the traffic impacts at intersections at peak hours. There is no discussion of the impact that the increased total daily traffic will have on Fields Corners Road, a narrow substandard dirt road. Pugsley Road and a portion of Fields Corners Road in the Town of Southeast are presently seasonally used roads. The Commercial Campus at Fields Corners is proposing improvements to Pugsley Road in the Town of Southeast which, along with the increased traffic, will ultimately promote the use of Pugsley Road/Fields Corners Road as an alternate route to, and from, the north. Fields Corners Road is ill-suited to handle the increased traffic in its current condition. The draft FEIS assumes that commuters will follow existing patterns of travel, and not use Fields Corners Road. This belies typical commuter habits to avoid traffic congestion.

If this project goes forward, and Fields Corners Road remains open to the public for use, Fields Corners Road, in its current condition will require substantial and costly safety improvements to address the impact from the increase in traffic. Since it is not addressed in the FEIS, and as no mitigation is offered to offset the impact, and since a substantial portion of Fields Corners Road is in the Town of Southeast, the cost of this maintenance and improvements needed will be borne by both the Town of Patterson and the Town of Southeast Highway Department

Installation of a 12' clearance barrier does not mitigate the potential impacts and is not a workable solution. The clearance barrier will permit 40% of truck traffic and all of the car traffic to use Fields Corners Road in the Town of Patterson to travel to locations to the north of the project. For larger trucks which happen upon the clearance barrier and cannot pass, they will be required to turn around and travel back down Fields Corners Road. We have multiple large warning signs at the approaches to the railroad crossing bridges across Route 311 and Route 164 in Patterson. Yet, at least once a year a large truck will attempt to drive under one of bridges only to peel off the top of its box. Often throughout the year we see trucks reaching the bridge on Route 311 and having to back up the road to a suitable turnaround. I have personally seen two box trucks damaged when attempting to pass under the clearance barrier in front of Gaetano's Pizza.

For the afore-mentioned reasons, I would urge the Southeast Planning Board to reject the draft FEIS. Clearly, there has been a failure to take the requisite "hard look" at potential adverse impacts from traffic to be generated by the proposed project on Fields Corner Road and Fair Street and, potentially, other roads and intersections within the Town of Patterson.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Williams Sr.", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard Williams Sr.
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