

Here is a sample letter that you may copy or edit as you wish. It should be sent to all members of the Town Board, and cc'ed to relevant individuals. It doesn't hurt to send them a reminder on May 14 as well. Please get as many of your neighbors, family, and friends as you can to send these letters as well; it is important that their inbox be filled with letters from their constituents each day so that they can decide how to vote on Wednesday night knowing how we feel!

You can also print your letter out and send a copy in the mail addressed to each board member. Encourage each family member, neighbor, and friend to do likewise. Town of Ramapo, 237 Rt 59, Suffern, NY 10901

It is also your right as a constituent to call their offices to express your opinion. 845-357-5100. Supervisor Specht x202.

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Subject: _____

Dear Supervisor Specht and Members of the Ramapo Town Council,

My name is _____ and my address is _____. I am writing to express my opposition to the PUD law that is up for a vote on May 21, 2025. I support the growth of the town, and I believe that if planned correctly, there is plenty of room for increased housing, but it has to be done properly. As currently written, this is a highly questionable law that would dramatically and negatively affect our entire Town and neighboring areas. Therefore, I am asking you to:

1. Rescind Town Board Resolution 2025-201 determining that the passage of the PUD Law would not have any negative impact on our neighborhoods - the Negative Declaration Determination, a.k.a. "Neg Dec." The town failed to take a "hard look" at the foreseeable secondary impacts of this law.

2. Conduct a full SEQR review as the law requires. Defer consideration of the PUD law until completion of objective, externally conducted studies of traffic, sewer, and water quality in the town as part of the review and Environmental Impact Statement.

3. Begin by conducting a realistic and honest traffic study. This is a major safety issue for the residents of our town and everybody knows it. ***How many more fatal and near-fatal accidents do we need to have before the town starts placing large developments in the appropriate locations and insisting on safe design?*** By neglecting this issue while expediting further construction of housing, you are neglecting the safety of every pedestrian, driver, and school child in this Town.

4. Give taxpayers relief from the costs of major development. New laws must stipulate that the costs of expanding sewer systems and other infrastructure, including future maintenance, will be borne by the developers.

5. Be transparent with the public about this law. Explain your reasoning – why are you doing this? Why is this good for the town? Please - answer our questions when we ask them in written form or at public meetings. Address and act upon the concerns that are raised by residents.

Construction is already proceeding rapidly throughout Ramapo without a PUD law. This proposed law is unnecessary, damaging, and dangerous. Please vote no on May 21.

Sincerely,