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Honorable Linda Jackson
Village of Endicott
1009 East Main Street
Endicott, NY 13760

Dear Mayor Jackson:

I'm writing today in regard to the lithium-ion battery recycling plant proposed to be sited in the Village of Endicott.

As I'm sure you have as well, I've heard from many of my constituents expressing concerns over the proposed location of the facility at a former IBM building on the Huron Campus.

While experts have varying opinions on whether this facility proposes a risk to the community, it's clear to me that many residents feel as if they have not had the opportunity to share their thoughts directly with the Village Board.

My understanding is that the Village Board plans to hold a public hearing on a related matter on Monday evening via videoconferencing. I believe that holding a public hearing by remote means is not an ideal approach and should be avoided except for matters that are urgent due to health and safety concerns.

In this case, there seems to be many Village residents who either do not have access to participate in a virtual hearing or do not feel comfortable doing so. I'm concerned that moving ahead with the hearing as proposed would disenfranchise those individuals and limit the opportunity for the Village Board to hear comments directly from all Village residents.

I'd urge you and the members of the Village Board to consider postponing the public hearing and related actions until such a time as you can schedule an in-person public hearing.

I'm sure you'll agree that an open and transparent process where all information is considered and shared and one that allows the community to be fully engaged is critical to ensuring that community health and safety are maintained.

As always, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Pasquale".

MATTHEW J. PASQUALE

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cc: Hon. Cheryl Chapman
Hon. Patrick Dorner
Hon. Eileen Konecny
Hon. R. Ted Warner