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Rotterdam Town Hall  
1100 Sunrise Boulevard  
Schenectady, New York 12306

Dear Steven Tommasone, Town Supervisor:

I write to you today to express my full support for the proposed "Village at Whispering Pines" retirement complex offered by Lecce Senior Living, LLC, as part of Rotterdam, New York's innovative movement to care for their senior citizens.

Lecce Senior Living, LLC is proposing to build a walkable maintenance free retirement community for our 55 and older seniors on the current Whispering Pines Golf Course and adjoining Brown Family Farm, totaling approximately 100 acres along Helderberg Avenue. The respectful residential living options are forward thinking and will finely balance the needs of our aging population. There is to be independent living, assisted living, and memory care apartments, as well as single family townhouses and cottages. In addition, all residents have at their disposal amenities such as a café, restaurants, a fitness center, salon, indoor pool, and use of the recreated golf course, which shall continue to be open to the public.

I understand the Lecce Senior Living, LLC's senior housing project to bring a true caring to lives of seniors and will allow for them to retire in their "own" community, and the opportunity for them to remain active Rotterdam residents because;

**"Rotterdam is a Nice Place to Live."**

Your consideration of this proposal, consistent with all federal and state rules and regulations, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

PAUL D. TONKO  
Member of Congress