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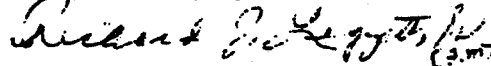
March 25, 1998

Hon. Merrilyn Pulver
Town Councilwoman
118 Broadway
Fort Edward, New York 12828-0127

Dear Ms Pulver:

I am enclosing herewith copy of Town of Ghent Resolution #17 of 1998, expressing its opposition to the further dredging of the Hudson River.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Leggett, Sr.
Supervisor

Encl.

TOWN BOARD

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TOWN OF GHENT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 17

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 19th day of March, 1998, at the Town Hall, Ghent, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Councilwoman Elaine Vogel;

Seconded by: Councilman Lawrence Andrews, Jr.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to as "EPA") is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project might have significant long term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for the Town of Ghent and for other surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that further study of this situation is necessary, including a review of the short-term and long-term effects of such current proposals, and

WHEREAS, approximately fifty (50) other communities have passed Resolutions opposing the dredge and landfill project until

such time as the EPA conducts further studies in connection with this matter, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ghent finds that a dredging and landfill project would not be in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Ghent at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent that the Town of Ghent hereby expresses its opposition to the Hudson River remediation measure that involves dredging and landfill efforts of any kind, requests that the EPA conduct further studies in connection with the short-term and long-term effects of such project, and further hereby transmits notice of such opposition to this project in writing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and such other local, state and national officials having an interest in the proposed project.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Councilwoman Elaine Vogel _____;
Councilman Lawrence Andrews, Jr. _____;
Councilwoman Linda Hess _____;
Supervisor Richard J. Leggett, Sr. _____; and
_____.

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

There was no opposition _____; and
_____.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Ghent.

DATED: March 19, 1998

Florence Mattison
FLORENCE MATTISON
Town Clerk
Town of Ghent