

September 26, 2007

Mr. Robert Geckle,
Chairman
Fairfield Hills Authority
45 Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear Mr. Geckle:

We would like to commend the Fairfield Hills Authority for its acceptance of the generous gift offered by local resident Peter D'Amico to create a new indoor sports facility for our community, to be named the Newtown Youth Academy.

We understand the strong desire to have this project receive the necessary approvals from local agencies by October so the Academy can break ground in mid-November to open in November 2008. The construction of the Academy and the new ballfield, now under construction, finally will start to demonstrate the promise offered by Fairfield Hills when the community approved the \$21 million bond issue seven years ago.

However, we urge you to fully complete what you have started in this portion of Fairfield Hills and demolish Greenwich and Litchfield Halls while construction of the Academy is underway. By doing this, you will have essentially completed a portion of Fairfield Hills for use by the community in a more cost effective manner than currently planned.

Currently, you intend to leave these two dilapidated buildings standing while you construct a new town hall in another part of campus, thus choosing to (1) devalue the look of the area surrounding the new Newtown Youth Academy and to (2) throw good money after bad to maintain the status and security of these buildings for no purpose other than to ultimately demolish them. You are well aware that a majority of the community opposes expending \$10.5 million on a new town hall at this time. We are confident a majority of the community would rather see this money spent within the next 12 months to complete the ultimate plan for parking and green spaces for the Academy and ballfield to maximize the attractiveness of this area and "complete" the refurbishment of this portion of the Fairfield Hills campus. This request fits within the parameters of the original bond issue. There does not appear to be any clear and compelling legal rationale that would prevent allocating money slated for the construction of a new town hall to the demolition of Greenwich and Litchfield Halls.

Granting this request to redirect funding from a new town hall to completing fully the town's responsibility for parking and green space for the Newtown Youth Academy does not jeopardize the investment currently being made to refurbish Bridgeport Hall. The cleaned out Bridgeport Hall can be used for a variety of town functions, as it did for the book fair. The funds spent on design costs for the new town hall can be used once higher priority items are completed within our community, and Newtown citizens are given the opportunity to vote on construction of a new town hall at Fairfield Hills.

We have been critical of the way the Authority has spent our \$21 million at Fairfield Hills. We do not believe that you have spent our tax dollars wisely. This is an opportunity to demonstrate otherwise.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to spend the remaining funds from the original bond issue for Fairfield Hills on demolishing Greenwich and Litchfield Halls, and creating the necessary parking and green spaces that are part of the plan for the Newtown Youth Academy, thus completing the refurbishment of this portion of the Fairfield Hills campus. We look forward to your timely response to this request.

Sincerely,

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