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Mr. Sean E. McCarthy, Village Architect
Village Hall Sleepy Hollow
28 Beekman Avenue – 2nd flr
Sleepy Hollow NY 10591

Dear Mr. McCarthy;

Open Door Family Medical Center/ODFMC has asked me to write a Letter of Support regarding their move to 300 N Broadway, Sleepy Hollow NY., which I am pleased to do.

Two areas are being challenged which I will address; parking and safety.

Parking: Previously I was housed in the Open Door FMC and daily I saw the clients in the clinic. I also know thru my program many of the families who are OD clients and honestly can tell you they don't drive to the Open Door in Sleepy Hollow. Some do take taxis but not often. Even when they use the OD in Ossining most clients take public transportation. The ODFMC has arranged for their staff to park at Phelps and be shuttled to the 300 N Broadway site.

Safety: Initially when visiting the new site I was concerned about safety regarding crossing the street, so I crossed the street. It is a busy area with an unusual layout. Crossing it from Beekman Avenue carefully, I didn't feel in danger. Knowing ODFMC has arranged for a crossing guard I think ensures the safety of its clients as well. This arrangement is exactly what their present location required because of the heavy car and bus traffic from Morse School.

Regarding the Webber Park neighborhood resident's issues, they will definitely see more people during the day at the very entrance of their neighborhood, but not walking around the neighborhood due to its entrance at the very beginning of the street. The ODFC won't be a noisy neighbor because its closed in the evening, Sundays and most holidays.

I hope the neighborhood and I understand this is your neighborhood too, can come to an agreement so as to allow a very important local agency to continue serving families of all income levels.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Gitlitz-tucker
AFHT Director