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Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the Planning Board of Sleepy Hollow,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting on November, 15, 2012 to speak in person however I trust this letter will find you well.

My name is Dr. Sara Paul and I am one of the new Family Medicine Residents training at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center and Open Door. I have been a resident of Sleepy Hollow since June 18th, 2012. I knew on the day of my residency interview in December of 2011, that Sleepy Hollow was a community I wanted to be a part of, both personally and professionally. Over the past several months, since the inauguration of this program, I have had the extraordinary privilege of training at Phelps and Open Door, which has only furthered what I realized on my interview day.

The patient population I have had the opportunity to serve at Open Door is a constant reminder of why I became a doctor. These patients are gracious, deserving, and an absolute pleasure to serve. The new clinic site is critical to the future of their healthcare and the education of the future physicians of Sleepy Hollow. With this clinic, we will be able to see more patients, offer more services, and be better equipped to address their medical needs in conjunction with training the future doctors of this community. Beyond that, the clinic presents a special and unique opportunity for the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The NYMC Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program is the first Family Medicine Program in the state of New York in 15 years, and with that brings an exceptional amount of recognition to Sleepy Hollow, recognition for being progressive, supportive of the future of healthcare, and supportive for the training and education of the future doctors in the State of New York.

I have been to several Planning Board meetings and heard the issues that are concerning the resident members of Sleepy Hollow. I have the utmost respect for everyone who stands up and expresses their concerns and think it a genuine expression of the passion and dedication the residents have for their community. That being said, Open Door has addressed every issue that has surfaced. Although it may not be the answer some people are seeking, it is nonetheless a proposed solution, a compromise and attempt to work together for the greater good of the Sleepy Hollow patient population at Open Door, the NYMC Phelps Residency Program, and the future physicians of Sleepy Hollow. I hope the bigger picture will shine through and everyone will work together to support our vision and purpose.

Sincerely,

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