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Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor
State of New York
NYS Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul;

The Manhasset-Lakeville Water District has serious concerns regarding high density housing as it relates to existing nitrate pollution currently impacting our raw water supply. Unfortunately, the presence of nitrate in our raw water supply is neither a new nor unexpected consequence of the lack of sanitary sewers within the District. The proposed high density housing act would create large amounts of septic waste that would undoubtedly have an adverse effect on our area's sole source water supply.

The impacts of sewage on Nassau County's groundwater supply have been well documented by the Nassau County Department of Health. Specifically, the Nassau County Department of Health's August 1972 report titled "PUBLIC HEALTH JUSTIFICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN THE KINGS POINT-MANHASSET AREA" states quite clearly "The source of nitrate in the groundwater in Nassau is private sewage disposal systems".

More recently, the Nassau County 1998 Groundwater Study, a comprehensive regional hydro geological study completed by the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the engineering firm of Camp Dresser & McKee, clearly detailed the impact of nitrate on public water supply wells within Nassau County. The report reiterated the effects of cesspools upon the glacial and magothy aquifers.

The impact of septic waste from the proposed high-density housing will be compounded by the elimination of any comprehensive environmental review requirements for their construction. We urge our law makers to consider the environmental impact on the sole source aquifer system that provides drinking water to millions of Long Islanders.

Very truly yours,
The Manhasset-Lakeville Water District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark S. Sauvigne".

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