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December 3, 2019

The Honorable Sandra Galef
New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Ms. Galef:

The Village is requesting that the New York State Legislature allow the Village to institute resident-only parking for the following streets: Young Avenue, Hastings Avenue, and Truesdale Drive.

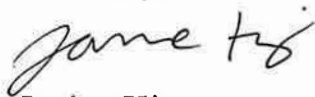
The Village owns and operates the commuter parking lot at the Croton-Harmon Train Station. The station services both Metro-North and Amtrak. There are a number of residential streets that are impacted by the proximity to the station. Over the past few years, and increasingly so, commuters, intermittent travelers to New York City, and Amtrak riders have circumvented the parking fee at the station by parking on residential streets and walking to the station. This mainly occurs on Hastings and Young Avenues. The walk from Hastings Avenue to the train station takes approximately 12 minutes and from Young Avenue approximately 11 minutes. The Village has been approached by its residents with a request for resident only parking on these streets. There have been complaints regarding driveways being blocked, sight distances impacted, and reduced parking capacity for the residents themselves and their guests. Young and Hastings are located in a RA-5 residential district with small lots, small garages, and short driveways. Many of the residents who live on these streets have more vehicles than can be contained off-street on their properties. Residents are forced to park on the street making any time limit parking restrictions which would deter commuter parking problematic for the residents themselves.

Truesdale Drive abuts a gorge located above the Croton River. Fireman's Island, located in the Croton River, is directly downstream from a resident-only swimming area. The Village owns a portion of Fireman's Island and the DEC's Unique Area is also located on this island. During the summer months this area becomes

dangerously overcrowded as people attempt to access the island from both the Town of Cortlandt side and the Croton side of the river. The Croton Village residents who reside on Truesdale Drive have experienced trespassing, vandalism, and garbage left on their properties, and loud noise from the island below. Although the Unique Area is regulated by the DEC and has strict regulations about its use, these regulations are not strictly enforced. The residents who reside on Truesdale Drive have requested resident-only parking on this street in order to deter the crowds who attempt to access the river from this street.

In sum, we are requesting that the state legislature introduce a bill to amend Section 1640 of Article 39 in the Vehicle & Traffic Law to authorize a residential parking permit program for the aforementioned areas in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janine King".

Janine King
Village Manager