

Chenango Valley Central School District

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to reiterate and clarify the concerns as outlined in my original correspondence dated May 3, 2017 regarding the proposed Fenton Trucking Terminal on the West Service Road in Chenango Bridge. As Superintendent of Schools for Chenango Valley Central School District, the safety and security of our students and staff are a priority.

Firstly, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet with NG Advantage representatives, Mr. Steve Palmer and Mr. Gerry Myers. Both gentlemen were very professional and helpful in explaining both the compressed natural gas and safety measures in place. However, it is very troubling to me that operations for the proposed Fenton Trucking Terminal on the West Service Road would be in close proximity to our school district's Port Dickinson Elementary School. Aside from the health and safety issues related to transporting compressed liquefied natural gas, I also continue to be concerned with the increased traffic flow of natural gas tanker trucks traveling on a direct route through our school district. My understanding of the NYSDOT recommended route towards the Village of Port Dickinson is that it would not satisfy the weight restrictions placed on those roads, and plans now route the tanker trailers through the intersection of Route 12A. However, this proposed transport route is a main thoroughfare and is located directly in front of the Chenango Valley Middle/High School complex. The addition of 50 to 100 or more natural gas tankers attempting to maneuver the sharp right turn from the West Service Road coupled with an even sharper turn onto the entrance ramp to Route 88 in an already heavily stressed traffic area would cause even greater vehicle congestion. It would also significantly increase safety issues for our student drivers, staff members and Transportation Department as well as the residents of our community. It is important to note that since the spring of 2012, we have already been burdened with intensified traffic due to the major reconstruction project of NY Routes 17 and 81, and this project is not slated for completion until December 2020.

Please do not construe this letter as opposition to new business in our region. Certainly, the potential creation of 150 new jobs is tremendous and very important to the state of New York, the Town of Fenton, and Chenango Valley Central School District. However, in an effort to minimize potential negative effects of this new industry, I strongly request that land use approval be granted only where major safety impacts are mitigated and that serious consideration be given to the potential impact of health and safety issues for our community, school district, and its residents.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. David Hamlin, Town of Fenton Supervisor
Mr. John Eldred, Town of Fenton Planning Board Chairperson
Mr. Dale Gregory, Town of Fenton Zoning Board Chairperson