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To the Town of New Castle Officials and Planning Board / Zoning Board of Appeals Members:

I recently became aware of the proposed expansion of the Sunshine Home, a for profit specialty hospital located in a residential neighborhood. **THE PROPOSED FACILITY IS 1.5 TIMES LARGER THAN THE AVERAGE WALMART, AND IT'S IN A WOODED, RESIDENTIAL, RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Given the proposed size of the expansion, I am shocked that an Environmental Impact Study was not requested. I ask that this oversight be immediately addressed.

In addition to the lack of an Environmental Impact Study, I am concerned about:

- An approval process that has been swift and irresponsible
- An inadequate traffic study
- Water usage and sewage disposal were not properly addressed
- The safety of both residents and neighbors regarding the Indian Point Nuclear Plant Evacuation Plan
- A complete lack of information regarding wetlands, tree removal, steep slopes, need to dynamite, and impact of new wells on existing wells that support nearby homes.

As a first step, I demand that the Town of New Castle re-examine this project to determine if it is even being reviewed by the correct government agency. Simply put, this is re-zoning not a variance.

Once the correct agency is identified, **a full Environmental Impact Study must be conducted.**

Sincerely,

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