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August 12, 1992

Ms. Joan Miller
38 Edgewood Circle
Orangeburg, NY 10962

Dear Joan:

Enclosed is a copy of the amended resolution on pesticide use passed by the Legislature on August 4, 1992. I am pleased to have sponsored the legislation but it is you who deserve the credit for being the motivating force on the whole issue of pesticide spraying.

Joan, the residents of Rockland County are the beneficiaries of your efforts and on their behalf, I thank you for your involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "EJC", is written over a horizontal line.

Edward J. Clark
Legislator, Town of Orangetown

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Introduced by:

Hon. Edward J. Clark
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell
Hon. Bruce M. Levine

Referral No. 7498
August 4, 1992

RESOLUTION NO 460 OF 1992
ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF
CUTTING OF UNWANTED VEGETATION TO REPLACE THE
USE OF PESTICIDES ON PROPERTY MAINTAINED BY
ROCKLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that the widespread use of pesticides may have a deleterious effect on the health of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the use of pesticides may also negatively affect our environment; and

WHEREAS, registration of pesticide products by the Environmental Protection Agency does not assure their safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to reduce the amount of pesticides and herbicides used in Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Environmental Management Council and the Rockland County Conservation Association support this policy; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it will be the policy of the County of Rockland that cutting or other physical means shall be the preferred method for dealing with problem vegetation, crab grass, and lawn weeds on property maintained by the County Government, including but not limited to the Highway Department, Buildings & Grounds Department and Parks Department; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in cases where cutting is impractical, then it will be the policy that least-toxic pesticides or non-toxic alternatives such as changing the types of vegetation be used for the removal of unwanted vegetation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that where pesticides are used that appropriate posting must be made to inform the public of the chemicals that were used and the time effect of the potency of the chemicals and that specimen labels and material-safety data sheets be available in a convenient Rockland County office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Town Supervisors and Village Mayors in Rockland County encouraging them to implement a similar policy in their municipalities.

RESOLVED, that this policy will become effective immediately.

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