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266 Houghtaling Road
Hurleyville, NY 12747

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Members of the Town Board of Fallsburg

Dear Members of the Town Board of Fallsburg:

My property on Houghtaling Road means the world to my family and I. We have owned the land since 1981, before my children were even born. I remember my late husband standing on the hill and looking out and telling Harold Houghtaling that he wanted to buy it even before we walked down to see the house and the barn. And Harold said, "Okay." Harold had inherited the land from his Uncle Charlie, a dairy farmer and wanted the property to go to people who would love it and take care of it.

Harold told Raul that the hill where we were standing was called, "The top of the world," by the residents of the county and Raul vowed not to build on it and he didn't and neither have I. We were very happy with the beautiful barn and little house that Uncle Charlie built in 1918.

I am interested in maintaining the hay fields and growing good quality hay, even organic if possible as that is what it was in the old days. Eventually we would like to expand the agriculture on the property.

I hope that preserving the history and beauty of Houghtaling Road is something that has interest and support for the future. My family and I think it is quite important not only for ourselves but for the town and the county as well.

Sincerely yours,

Merel Julia
(Mrs. Raul)