



May 12, 2022

Ms. Natalie Wright, Chair  
Members of the Board  
Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Hauppauge, New York 11788

**VIA EMAIL**

**Re: 195 Spagnoli Road, Melville, NY 11747**

Dear Chairwoman Wright and Board Members:

On behalf of the Association for a Better Long Island (“ABLI”) and Long Island Builders Institute (“LIBI”), the leading economic development advocacy organizations in the region, we write in full support of Hartz Mountain’s Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) application for 195 Spagnoli Road, Melville, and respectfully request that the application approved.

The property located at 195 Spagnoli Road, Melville, was previously owned by National Grid. The property is a vacant dirt lot that National Grid used to train employees in digging trenches for natural gas lines. In 2019, Hartz Mountain purchased the property and intends to develop the site into a warehouse. The need for this sort of development is in great demand on Long Island do not only distribute goods to Long Islanders, but in actuality, the majority distribute Long Island manufactured and imported products across the country and globe.

A recent economic report, prepared by Long Island based company Nelson Pope Voorhis, projects that the project will create 225 construction jobs and \$30,000,000 in economic benefit, including indirect wages, during the 14-16 months construction period. Furthermore, the report projects the creation of 250 permanent jobs and \$15,000,000 of wages annually, including indirect jobs/wages.

As our region’s economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that we look to rejuvenate and revitalize underutilized properties to spur economic activity, create jobs and tax revenue. In a recent Newsday Editorial, [\*Developing the building blocks of LI’s future\*](#), the board stated, “...the smaller efforts to reuse, repurpose or revitalize the older, tired parcels that dot the Island are just as critical, as building blocks for the region’s future.” There is little doubt that such property, located a stone’s throw from Route 110, Long Island’s main business

corridor, is better suited as a facility generating hundreds of jobs than a vacant dirt lot. Therefore, it is imperative that the Suffolk IDA accelerate this project forward by expeditiously reviewing and approving Hartz Mountain's application.

**ABLI and LIBI fully support Hartz Mountain's Suffolk IDA application for 195 Spagnoli Road, Melville, and respectfully request that the application be expeditiously reviewed and approved.**

Sincerely,



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Kyle Strober, Executive Director  
*Association for a Better Long Island*



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Mitch Pally, CEO  
*Long Island Builders Institute*

Cc: Hon. Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive