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Residents of the Southside Water/Lettiere Tract
Residents of the Proposed Extension of the Lettiere Tract

RE: Petition to Town of Watertown Town Board

Dear Residents:

This letter is intended to alert you to the following:

In February 2023, James V. Lettiere approached the Town of Watertown Town Board regarding the fact that Mr. Lettiere wanted the Town to purchase his 60-year-old water system for \$500,000.00. At that time, the Town turned down Mr. Lettiere's request, as the Town Board was concerned that the system was too old and was not worth the amount requested by Mr. Lettiere. The Town Board opted not to move forward with efforts to create a Water District under Article 12-A by Town Board motion. Despite the costs associated, the Town Board agreed to consider an Article 12 petition if submitted by the residents of the Lettiere Tract.

While efforts to draft a sufficient petition would normally rest with Town residents, following significant resident input and requests for help, the Town Board opted to take steps to assist in this process.

Included herewith, you will find a "Fact Sheet" which is intended to help answer questions you may have about this process and the costs associated with the same. The Fact Sheet will also help explain who may sign the petition. Please note that the Fact Sheet is intended to broadly address complex issues which may require an in-depth analysis.

A petition is ready and available in the Town Clerk's Office (22867 County Route 67, Watertown, new York 13601) for resident signatures. Please note that: (1) any water district (and the debt/monetary responsibility associated therewith) is not owned by the Town, it is owned by the residents within the district; (2) while the Town would be in a position to help facilitate the purchase of the system through municipal bonding, the Town residents within the district would be the parties responsible for repaying the debt; (3) you should only sign the petition if you agree

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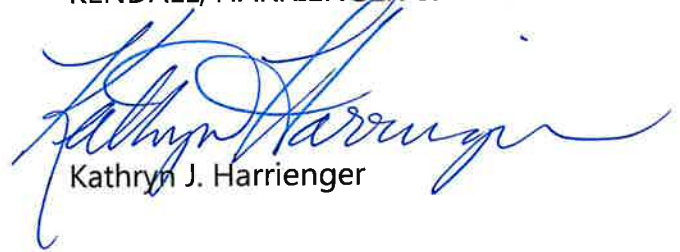
that \$500,000.00 should be paid to James Lettiere for the existing system and \$763,000.00 should be paid for the installation of new infrastructure to expand the water system to reach new users.

The petition will be available in the Town Clerk's Office for 60 days from December 12, 2024, which is February 10, 2025. At that time the petition will no longer be available.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Town of Watertown Town Board