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James Manley, Chairperson Town of Newburgh Zoning Board of Appeals 308 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, NY 12550

RE: 128 Old South Plank Road Town of Newburgh Tax Parcels: Section 64 Block 2 Lot 22

Dear Mr. Manley:

From the time that the site plan for the above captioned was approved on December 15, 2005, the building owner has attempted to sell or lease the site for office use as originally intended. Due to there being an overabundance of office space in the area, there has been no expressed interest in the building for an office use.

Also, in addition to the glut of office space in the general area, the location of this specific site is not nearly as desirable as are the locations of those office buildings that are located closer to the interchanges with Interstate Route 84 and the Thruway.

Since the now proposed use of the entire building by Grace Community Church will as occur as a rental, the building will receive no real estate tax relief while still removing a heretofore undesired empty office location. This will reduce some of the existing office glut and will keep another empty office location from succoumbing to a lack of maintenance. A healthy, well kept building will thereby grace the tax roles.

Sincerely,

Richard & Lease

Richard Lease