

My name is Andrew Sciarabba, I live at 521 Ridge Rd in the Town of Lansing. I have been a resident for almost 20 years, and I am Chairman of the Town's Economic Development Committee and serve on the Town's Sewer Committee.

Lansing is a bedroom community which has over the years attracted residents due to its rural agriculture nature, its recreational venues, Cayuga Lake, its emphasis on families and the volunteer support for its various civic, religious and recreation activities.

The Lansing Central School District is a primary reason why Lansing has attracted families and retirees. Its reputation for being a high quality school system with a high percentage of graduates attending college, its winning sports programs and active community involvement is recognized throughout the State of New York.

I am fortunate that this reputation attracted my daughter and son in law to relocate from Pennsylvania and enroll my 3 grand daughters in the Lansing School system. They received a great education resulting in their being accepted into Cornell University and Penn State University. This has been the experience of many of Lansing residents over many years. Our Lansing children have attended many of the best institutions of higher education and have been successful in their chosen careers.

The Power Plant over the years has been a major contributor to our tax base. Our home values have increased and we receive less State aid than neighboring communities resulting in a high degree of school funding coming from the local tax levy.

Repowering of the Power Plant will result in maintaining jobs, a reliable supply of locally produced energy and stabilization of our tax base. Closing the Plant will result in significant cut backs to the School programs, thus affecting the School District's ability to maintain a quality educational experience for our children.

Some have said to keep the Plant powered by coal. The ability of the Plant's owners to succeed financially as a coal powered Plant is what caused the Plant to stop operating due to the high cost of coal and transportation. Keeping the Plant as coal fired is a De Facto closing of this Plant.

Some have said to power the Plant with alternative fuel sources. While great strides have been made in the solar and wind technologies, national experience shows that the current technologies are still very inefficient, unreliable and have only been put into operation due to heavy subsidies by the American taxpayer..

Until such time as such alternatives are cost effective and reliable I support the RePowering of Cayuga using Natural Gas.

Thank You