

LIFTON CONSTITUTENT EMAILS

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

I am a raising y daughther as a fourth generation Ithacan. My grandfather, John Bangs was at one time the chariman of the Tompkins County Democratic Committee. He and my grandmother Rita Bangs pioneered the first ambulance and emergency response system in Ithaca in the 40"s. I was only told this past month how much I am like my grandfather, as my activist spirit came out to fight for a clean and safe demolition of the old library. My daughter walks by the old library every day, as it is (was) the safest, shortest, most well-lit, direct route between home, school, my business (in the Dewitt Mall), and her afterschool job. Please, can you help us?

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Thank you so very much,
Polly Wood

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Very truly yours, Maria Muscente

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

I write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health. I just walked by the site and they are using so little water and only sporadically. Protection is sorely inadequate and this demolition was hazardous to begin with.

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Very truly yours,

Mona Sulzman

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

We write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health. I live across the street from the demolition with my husband and my two young children. We are in fear for our safety.

The developer was able to get around his normal asbestos abatement responsibilities by getting a condemnation letter. This allegedly allowed him to go with the less rigorous requirements in the labor law for condemned buildings, which basically involve continuous wetting and monitoring shutting down a demolition if dust was escaping.

They are not even maintaining these emergency standards. You can see that demolition work has been conducted without continuous wetting of the deadly demolition debris. You can also see that deadly demolition dust has migrated into the surrounding area where many of us live. These irrefutable contamination hazards threaten thousands of local residents.

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Very truly yours,

Sujata Gibson

Sujata S. Gibson. Esq.

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Very truly yours,

Aaron Pichel
102 East Court Street
Ithaca, New York 14850-4211

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Very truly yours,

Caren Rubin

406 1/2 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca NY 14850

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Very truly yours,

-Deawn Hersini

Hi Barbara,

Could you do what you can to stop this insane and illegal demolition? I live two blocks from site and can see that the dust is not being hosed down.

Thank you,
Sioux O'Connor

We write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

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I and other deeply concerned citizens write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded, and that a "controlled" demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

You can see that demolition work has been conducted without continuous wetting of the deadly demolition debris. You can also see that toxic demolition dust has migrated into the surrounding area where many of us live: my husband and I own rental houses directly across from the site's access gate, and our residence is a stone's throw away, at 406 N. Cayuga Street.

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Very truly yours,

Suzy Kramer

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

I write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

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Very truly yours,

Lisken

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Please help if you can.

Sincerely,

Barbara Burke Hubbard

214 University Ave.
Ithaca, NY 14850

I would like to ask you to add me to the list of Ithaca residents who are deeply concerned about the asbestos and demolition situation at the old library.

The conditions are known to be dangerous for the workers and anyone who needs to live and work or walk near the demolition site.

An (inexcusable) mess.

I and others appreciate your time in getting up to speed on the situation.

Wishing you a good holiday and happy New Year.

Best,

Linda Jaffe

218 Lake Avenue

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

I am co-owner and resident of 410 N Cayuga St. I live there with my partner and two girls, aged 1 and 4. We feel lucky to be part of a vibrant neighborhood of Ithaca citizens and small businesses. We moved there in 2015, and have made the house our cherished home, with a careful effort taken to preserve its historic value and to renovate the property in a way safe for our family, including proper abatement of exterior and interior lead paint and asbestos-wrapped pipe in the basement. The asbestos abatement was costly, requiring third party monitoring and specially trained workers, but we took stock in the fact that by fully following the law concerning proper asbestos abatement we were providing a safe home for our children and not endangering the local environment in the process or the workers carrying out the project.

I join my neighbors in writing to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

You can see from videos my neighbors have made that demolition work has been conducted without continuous wetting of the deadly demolition debris. You can also see an indication that toxic demolition dust has migrated into the surrounding area where many of us live. These contamination hazards may threaten thousands of local residents, as well as my family.

We would be extraordinarily grateful for any assistance that you can render. Please help us if you can.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Moses

Hi, Barbara,

I share the concerns voiced by Suzy Kramer and others about the demolition of the Old Library.

Please add my name to the list of those asking that the condemnation order for the former Tompkins County Public Library be rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

Thanks,

Sara

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

I am writing to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

I am gravely concerned about the impact on downtown and the surrounding neighborhood of improper removal leaving toxic demolition dust creating contamination hazards threatening thousands of local residents.

I would be extremely grateful for any assistance that you can provide in ensuring that this demolition is conducted in a safe manner.

Sincerely,
Abby Cohn

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

I write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that what we believe is an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

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Very truly yours,
David Kramer
resident 121 W Court
owner 114 W Court

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We write to request your urgent assistance in making sure that an improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library is rescinded and that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

This is of immediate and personal concern for me and those I love, as I live around the block from the current unsafe demolition. I work right next door to and a couple of buildings down from the project, not to mention the project is in the center of town, so I am forced into direct proximity with the contaminated area whenever I need to get to the bank, GreenStar, post office etc.

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Very truly yours,
Luke LaPointe

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

As part of a group of concerned and frightened citizens in Ithaca, NY (800+ on a signed petition), I am writing to request your urgent assistance on two fronts:

1. Rescinding the improper condemnation of the former Tompkins County Public Library,
2. Halting the subsequent demolition of the building ***with asbestos in place*** in order to protect public health.

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I would ask that you please assert whatever powers you may have in this regard. Time is very much of the essence.

Sincerely,

Joanna Luks
(212 University Avenue)

Dear Assemblywoman Lifton:

As a women owned small business (Life Stages Counseling) located in a building adjacent to the Life Long parking lot, we are writing to express our ongoing concern about the library demolition. We have temporarily closed our business for 2 weeks because our primary population that we serve is children. Our business is 10 therapists we see approximately 100 clients per week. We request your assistance in making sure that a controlled demolition with asbestos in place is halted to protect public health.

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Very truly yours,

Leslie Shakespeare, LCSW

Maria Muscente, LCSW

Owners of Life Stages Counseling

121 W Court Street

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