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To the Scarsdale Board of Trustees:

The reason that people form towns, villages, and cities is that services are provided more efficiently and less expensively when people band together. By living in Scarsdale we choose to join together for a wide array of municipal issues such as education, police, fire, garbage collection etc. Since we moved here over 20 years ago, Scarsdale has always been a full-service Village. In our opinion the pick-up of leaves and grass clippings fall squarely into the category of a municipal service. We strongly disagree with any effort on the part of the Village of Scarsdale to discontinue the collection of leaf and grass clippings.

If leaf and grass clipping pick-ups were to be discontinued, it would, in effect, transfer the financial burden from the Village onto each individual. While a vocal group may want to use these materials for mulch etc., the majority of the Village residents would likely pay a gardener to haul their leaves and grass clippings away. The cost per person would rise once the economies of scale of having the Village do this as a unit disappears. It is highly unlikely that the Village will lower taxes in an amount that will be sufficient to pay these additional gardener costs.

We believe that the Village-wide picking up of leaf and grass clippings is no different than any other Village service. If any individuals choose to opt out of the service, that is their prerogative. Similarly, if a group of residents choose to home school their children that should not lead to the entire school district being disbanded.

The pickup of leaf and grass clippings is a municipal service that is best, most efficiently, and most cost effectively done as a Village. We do not want to see these long-standing Village services discontinued.

Thank you for your consideration.

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