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Dear Mayor Mark and Scarsdale Board of Trustees,

I write to express extreme disappointment that over fourth months since the Ryan reval debacle started, the only solution to this travesty that you have been able to propose, is a phase-in for some residents. I paraphrase with much nicer language what a resident told me when this proposed phase-in was announced, 'we have been served a putrid sandwich and are being asked to spread the putridness for three years.'

Any phase-in would not invalidate the reval, which you, Mayor Mark, and Village Manager Pappalardo finally admitted was a mistake. You have even publicly stated that you might seek legal action against Ryan. The NY Office of Real Property Services also confirmed what many of us have been telling you for months, Ryan is innumerate. I remind you that Ryan subcontracted an unlicensed appraiser to spend less than 3 ½ minutes looking from afar at our homes to determine their value. The appraiser, allegedly did this, in between being arrested and going to court for criminal trespassing, during the time that he was living at two different addresses with a convicted felon. (Articles to back all this up are enclosed.)

How on earth will village personnel, who failed to monitor Ryan and the Village Assessor, now determine which residents get a phase-in a fair and equitable manner? You still have not solved the problem for all residents over assessed. A phase-in would still leave under assessed homes getting an immediate tax subsidy starting in 2017.

All of you should have been asking the New York legislature months ago to invalidate the Ryan reval. Why should you waste political capital on a proposal that does not invalidate the Ryan reval, which happened under your watch? As it is, due to the Ryan reval, many over assessed residents have resented the under assessed ones. With this phase-in proposal, will you now pit those over assessed that get relief and those that do not?

Also, at the October 13th meeting, please explain to us why you have not hired independent counsel to help you figure out how to invalidate the reval. Why are you only relying on the Village Attorney's dependence on a legal opinion from the early 1970s?

Aren't you tired of the reval? I sure am!! Please stop inflicting more damage on our village.

Best regards,
Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez

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