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Mr. Eric Spomer, President
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Dear Eric:

As your firm contemplates the future of the proposed Roundhouse Renewables project, I would be remiss if I did not offer my candid perspective. In the interests of both your firm and, most importantly, my community, I suggest that Catalyst use the next few weeks prior to NYSERDA's decision to seriously review your firm's plans for the rail yard site in Oneonta.

As you know, Catalyst's proposal presents many questions and issues for the elected and appointed officials in my city. I sincerely believe that careful review will lead you to reconsider the application presently pending before the City of Oneonta Planning Commission and pursue other locations for siting such projects.

In the past you have reiterated to me that Catalyst has no interest in attempting to site its biomass facility at a location where the community does not embrace it. This further reinforces my view that both Oneonta and Catalyst would be best served by your willingness to explore other options in the alternative energy field.

I know that you have invested time, resources and energy in this project. Like you, I am a real proponent of alternative energy. However, the proposed project simply does not seem consistent with the city's vision for the Roundhouse site. I sincerely hope that upon reflection you will share my assessment. I would be most willing to further discuss my perspective.

Thank you for your willingness to engage in candid conversations about this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

John S. Nader
Mayor

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