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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing again to express my opposition to the Samaritan Village proposal for a homeless shelter in Glendale, Queens.

As has been stated, I strongly believe that this is an inappropriate site to house such a facility. While I am sympathetic to the need for homeless housing in New York City due to high rates of homelessness, this facility does not have the necessary attributes to effectively help serve its intended population and transition them out into residences. There are very legitimate and strong concerns regarding neighborhood safety and the impact such a facility will have on the community.

The community and local elected officials stand firmly against this proposal. Additionally, the public was provided the full 22 page DHS Fair Share proposal with very little time to fully review before today's hearing. This is not fair to the residents of Glendale and to the community at large.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng".

Grace Meng
Member of Congress