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## **LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR REGARDING LINCOLN HALL**

Dear Residents of Somers,

The safety of every resident of Somers is the primary concern of the town board. In recent months, several incidents involving Lincoln Hall have made headlines on the national news, local media, and even the social media of our friends and neighbors. Recently, several incidents involving young men leaving the campus unescorted and without permission led to serious questions about the facility, its programs, safety protocols, and the vetting process of the young men there.

At the May 5th work session of the town board, a representative from Lincoln Hall presented the board with an overview of the various state and federally-funded programs on their campus. In addition, Lincoln Hall suggested a forum with a representative from Washington to discuss their federal funding program. We are working with both parties to schedule that information session as soon as possible.

It should be noted, to Lincoln Hall's credit, thus far, they have been the only party involved to provide the town of Somers with information.

The town has reached out to our Federal, State, and County elected officials, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Governor Kathy Hochul, and County Executive George Latimer. We have demanded transparency in the form of answers and information. However, we continue to await a response from their offices.

Everyone must understand -as frustrating as it may be, while Lincoln Hall *does* sit within the Town of Somers, the programs there and the facility operate under the auspices of federal, state, and county authorities and Somers officials. Therefore, to make our concerns known, let alone to have changes made to policy and protocols, we must work with our counterparts in Washington, Albany, and Westchester.

At its very core, this situation is an extensive conversation about the health and safety of the residents of Somers and the surrounding community, as well as the young men placed at Lincoln Hall. Everyone involved must follow the law, and each is due respect and compassion.

Unfortunately, several social media outlets have seen incendiary language -some of it vicious and insulting- being hurled between neighbors; frankly, the behavior I have not witnessed as a Somers resident in my lifetime. *The Somers I know and love are capable* of discussing topics that concern the town, no matter how controversial or delicate the subject matter, in a civilized manner.

The Town Board and I will continue to work with officials from all levels of government and represent the interests and concerns of the taxpaying citizens of Somers. We only ask for your patience and a civil discourse amongst our friends and neighbors as we navigate this highly complex issue.

Thank you,

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Robert Scorrano

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