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Subject: The Osborn

Dear Mayor Cohn and Rye City Council Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the Osborn's future in Rye. My husband and I moved to Rye in 1995 with our two year old son. My husband's parents had moved to Rye in 1971. Family has always been the most important part of our lives. My parents lived in Manhasset and when my Father died in 2001, my Mother, at age 73 and now on her own, wanted to move closer to me and my sister, who lived in Bronxville. I was very happy because The Osborn was on the top of her list. The Osborn's park-like setting, the beautifully appointed buildings and residences, wonderful food and instant community combined to made it an easy transition for my Mother and for me. I also had the security of knowing that no matter what the state of her health, we would have the support and resources needed for her care at The Osborn and all within a few minutes of our home. Once at the Osborn, my Mother could drive a few minutes to my house and spend time with her grandson and I could easily stop in to see her... no more spending two hours traveling to see my Mother and all while she was happy living in a new vibrant community. Then in 2007, my parents-in-law moved into the Osborn too. They also made an easy transition to life at The Osborn and were very happy with all of the amenities at The Osborn, along with its proximity to us, the Coveleigh Club and all their friends in Rye. The quality of our lives remained very good knowing our parents were happy, safe and near-by. In 2008, my Father-in-Law became quite ill, however, with the support of friends, family, Osborn Home Care aids, and access to the The Osborn Pavilion all helped my Mother-in-Law to care for her husband and cope with the aftermath of his death in December 2008. In 2012, my mother's health started to decline. My sister was ill also, so having the support of the staff of The Osborn was essential to helping me navigate caring for my Mother until she died in January of 2015. I do not know what I would have done without the care provided for my Mother by The Osborn's compassionate staff and the professional advice and support I received from The Osborn, and importantly the support we received throughout the weeks leading to my Mother's death. The Osborn has been a part of our lives for over eighteen years, enhancing all the good times as well as helping us cope through the worst of times. When the bottom fell-out The Osborn was there for us.

I believe The Osborn provides a critical function in the Rye community supporting people of all ages fulfill their lives and provide support when desperately needed. I hope Rye recognizes how much The Osborn has helped the community and will support The Osborn at this critical time to help it grow and support future residents as much as it has helped my family. It is truly a special community within the Rye community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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