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Mr. Ray Halbritter
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Dear Mr. Halbritter:

As Town Attorney for the Town of Stockbridge, I would like to bring to your attention a matter of mutual concern to the Oneida Nation and the citizens of the Town of Stockbridge.

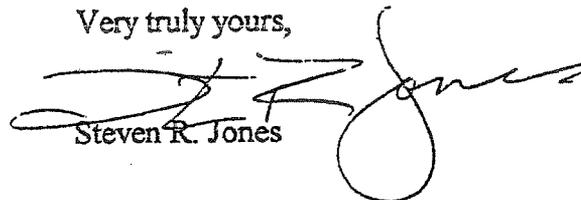
On January 8, 2002, Town officials received a complaint that up to 30 truck loads of construction debris were brought into the Town of Stockbridge and dumped on Nation owned property on Pratts Road. I'm sure you can understand that neighbors were concerned that this property was being used as a dumping ground for material brought from other locations, and there was also concern about whether hazardous materials were included in the debris. Town officials made contact with a State DEC official who contacted an Oneida Nation representative. While we understand that the dumping has stopped for now, we are concerned that it may resume in the future.

The Town of Stockbridge and the Oneida Nation have always enjoyed a good relationship. As neighbors, we share the sentiments expressed in your recent editorial about cooperation.

We would appreciate the opportunity to sit down with your representatives and a representative from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to discuss the events of January 8th to avoid future problems.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,


Steven R. Jones

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