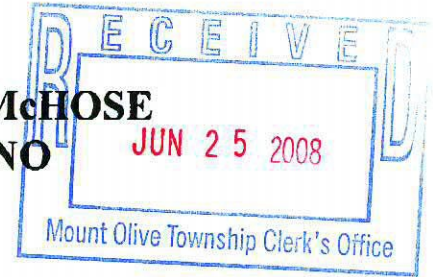


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For those of you who have contacted my office regarding this issue with the Highlands Council., thank you for your comments to Alison, Gary, and myself.

- Steve

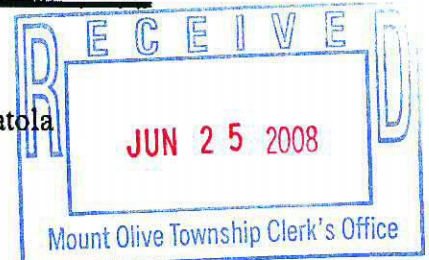
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HIGHLANDS COUNCIL ATTEMPTING BACKDOOR MANEUVER TO STOP GROWTH IN REGION

Senator Steven Oroho (R-24, Sussex, Morris, Hunterdon) is fighting a plan by the Highlands Council to impose new wastewater standards on areas in the Highlands region and will be testifying before the Council during their public hearing today in Chester.

“The Highlands Council is using a sneaky backdoor maneuver in an attempt to stop development in the region,” said Oroho. “Their latest effort would apply stricter environmental standards in the Highlands Planning Area and tie them to any Water Quality Management Plan approvals.”

Senator Oroho argued that if the Highlands Council adopts this position, the effect would, in essence, convey local zoning power to the Council and eliminate voluntary conformance to the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

“The voluntary nature of plan conformance in the Highlands planning areas was a key assurance to the officials and residents of this area when the Highlands legislation was passed,” Oroho stated. “This action by the Highlands Council violates the clear intent of the State Legislature and it should be rejected soundly.”

Fellow District 24 legislators Assemblyman Gary Chiusano and Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose are also in strong opposition to this plan.

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