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Clerk, please include my comments on the meeting website.

Thank you,

Cary Weishahn

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Dear Assembly Members and Mayor,

I would like to express my support for Assemblymember Dawson's proposal to pause action on the Lutak Dock project (agenda item 11C6).

From the assembly packet, page 140:

3) Lutak Dock - discussion about next steps and possibility of making a motion to pause further action until a public meeting on the project is completed, and we do a more thorough independent audit of the financial risks and rewards of this project.

I think this pause is important because the borough has accepted a design that has not been shown to be economically sustainable. An independent audit of the financial risks and rewards of the project would help decision-makers to make informed decisions. We need to look at a smaller, community dock design that serves the needs of our community and doesn't put taxpayers at risk of footing the bill for maintenance and repair of an overbuilt dock. We also need a thorough survey of the large cells and sediment at the dock so that any contaminants can be cleaned up and not left in place for future generations to deal with.

Please press pause on this project. An audit would be helpful but we also need to request alternative designs for a much smaller dock that doesn't leave taxpayers facing unintended consequences.

Thank you for your service to our community,

