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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Hon. Mollie Collins  
Supervisor, Town of Rotterdam  
1100 Sunrise Blvd.  
Schenectady, NY 12306

Re: Water Meter Installation Plans

Dear Supervisor Collins:

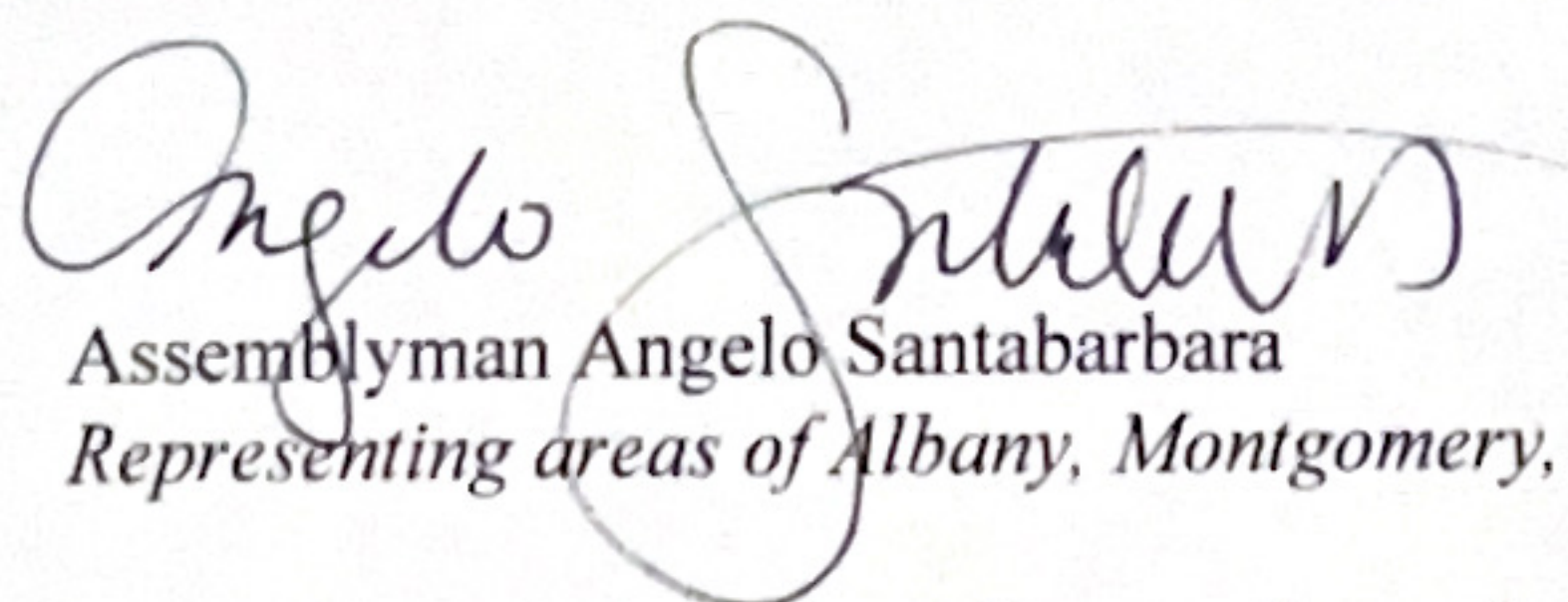
It has come to my attention that the Rotterdam Town Board is considering a plan to install water meters at residential properties in our town.

This proposal will saddle our town with additional taxes and fees that our residents simply cannot afford. According to the newspaper article recently published in the Daily Gazette, this plan will cost taxpayers hundreds of dollars for new water meters in addition to the cost of installation at their homes — projected to be as high as \$8 million dollars.

It also appears that all the details of the plan have not been worked out. There are unanswered questions regarding how the meters will work, the rates residents will be forced pay for daily water usage, how meters will be read, and how billing works. It's irresponsible to consider any such program without all the details fully defined and without public input.

I urge the town to hold a public hearing on this matter as soon as possible. This is something that will affect our daily lives and residents deserve to have their voices heard.

Sincerely,



Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara  
*Representing areas of Albany, Montgomery, and Schenectady Counties*

Cc: Hon. Jack Dodson, Deputy Supervisor  
Hon. Evan Christou, Town Council Member  
Hon. Samantha Miller-Herrera, Town Council Member  
Hon. Joseph Mastroianni, Town Council Member