



Tom Sloan
Executive Director
Mid-Hudson Library System
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Mr. Sloan:

As authorized under the *Mid-Hudson Library System Direct Access Plan*, the Beekman Library Board of Trustees approved on February 22, 2015 the submission of this claim of serious inequities and hardship resulting from services to the residents of the Town of Union Vale.

This claim of serious inequities and hardship is based on:

1. The Town of Union Vale is unserved by a chartered public library and provides less than the median or average funding for public library services provided by contract with neighboring community libraries.
2. More than 5% of the total circulation of library materials by the public libraries of Beekman, LaGrange, and Millbrook has been provided to the residents of the Town of Union Vale.
3. Under the *Mid-Hudson Library System Direct Access Plan*, the public libraries of Beekman, LaGrange, and Millbrook may claim "serious inequities and hardships" due to non-residents making excessive use of a libraries' resources that affects the libraries' ability to provide direct and on-site access to their residents.

The Beekman Library Board of Trustees is requesting the Mid-Hudson Library System verify the Board's claim of serious inequities and hardship and proceed with developing a plan for restrictions and remedies. As stated in the *Mid-Hudson Library System Direct Access Plan*, the Beekman Library Board of Trustees recognizes the plan for restrictions and remedies requires the approval of the MHLS member libraries and the MHLS Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Rodriguez".

Library Director

Carol Rodriguez, Director -P.O. Box 697, Poughquag, N.Y. -12570- 845-724-3414- Thomas Kraft, President