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**Subject:** Proposed development

To: Ms. Alexis DeLeo

Ms. DeLeo:

I spoke to Jill Thatcher on Thursday (who said you were returning today) concerning the proposed 13-story apartment building with 181 units for 415 persons and 76 vehicles at 425 East Washington Street with a rear entrance to and from East Huron Street. My wife, Linda Binkow, and I are residents of Sloan Plaza at 505 East Huron Street, but unfortunately we will be out of state on the hearing date. When we attended a meeting earlier this summer at which the developer explained the project, several of us raised the parking and traffic issues which we believe to be serious and which I understand have not been modified since that meeting.

As I understand it, many, perhaps one-half, of the autos will only be able to enter and leave the building by Huron Street. Huron Street is a state trunk line and the main east/west thoroughfare through downtown Ann Arbor, and has heavy traffic throughout the entire day and most of the evening. There are important buildings on both sides of Huron, including two churches and, across Huron, Sloan Plaza and the Campus Inn. These sites have their own substantial parking and access, including entry, exit and parking facilities. The cars entering or leaving this very large building, from and to Huron, will have no place to queue up as they enter or leave the building, except, perhaps, one car in either direction. One can only imagine during rush hour what kind of traffic jams will be caused by the queuing and turning on and off Huron. It is unacceptable, to say the least, that only one car can queue going into or coming out of the garage doors and that, if additional cars are waiting to enter, they will have to wait on Huron Street. When these concerns were raised at the meeting, they were shrugged off with inanities like, "The students there will not be using their cars much, and they can walk to a new small grocery store for their shopping", etc. Unless something is done now to alleviate the situation, what a nightmare this could turn out to be. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Ms. Jill Thatcher  
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