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To: [HHS Exhibits](#)
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I am unable to attend in person but wanted to voice my opinion on the Middle Housing bill 2001. I have lived in my neighborhood for almost 15 years. It is an older established neighborhood filled with families that have supported their neighborhood schools by sending their children there instead of to private schools. We love our neighborhood that is currently filled with single family dwellings and have embraced the green canopy that fills the surrounding blocks.

This bill is for people who do not currently live in our city. It will do nothing to maintain our quality of life but will instead decrease it and the safety in our neighborhood. Already our sewers are having difficulty keeping up with current resident capacity. Our neighborhood schools are bulging and traffic has increased on our side streets as people try to find a way to avoid the congestions that is occurring all around us.

When I attended an informational meeting regarding these changes last year it was presented as a way to get affordable housing for families into more places in the city. Since when is 1,8000 a month rent affordable? How can you justify adding rows of parked cars on a street in neighborhoods where children now can ride their bikes without having to dodge oncoming traffic in front of their own house. How is this better for your CURRENT residents? Your proposal is to remove our neighborhoods and decrease our quality of life. I am so incredibly sad that you, our government, seem to care so very little for those who have lived and supported your communities over the years. Please reconsider and look at the lack of affordable housing this bill will produce, the neighborhood communities it will destroy, and the quality of life it will decrease for existing residents.

Thank You,

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