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To: <u>HDC</u>

Subject: Ingliss house historic district

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As an Ann Arbor resident of over 40 years, and having lived in the same in Ann Arbor on Spring Street for 32 years, I am commenting to voice my opinion that I believe that the HDC should not recommend that the Ingliss house, by itself, and without having the option of voting on this, be an historic district all by itself.

To select a single property, and not allow the owners to reject the designation, is an unfair taking of property rights.

I feel the main impetus of the desire for the HDC designation is the wealthy and politically powerful neighbors who are scared that a housing development could be added onto the property of Ingliss house. Perhaps even with a component of affordable housing. Currently, this valuable piece of property pays absolutely no property taxes. The city, county and school district are struggling financially with constant millage requests at the ballot box.

The city is also striving to increase density in Ann Arbor to make us more sustainable. A housing development on this large piece of acreage fairly centrally located and within walking and bicycling distance to the campus and the greater downtown area of Ann Arbor would aid in making us more sustainable.

I ask the HDC to please NOT recommend the Ingliss house as an historic district of one residence.

I am open to contact from anyone on the HDC who would like to talk with me further on this subject.

I also would appreciate updates on meetings and policies concerning Ingless house.

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