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**To:** Kowalski, Matthew

**Cc:** Teall, Margie

**Subject:** "Group Housing Area"

Dear Mr. Kowalski,

I write to oppose the creation of a new zoning designation around White and Dewey that would intensify rental traffic in our neighborhood. My family resides a block south of there, at Granger and White, and we already suffer constant noise from parties from the Dewey block, as well as general litter and disregard for property upkeep. Given the fervor for high-rise apartment expansion, it strikes many of us as unnecessary and even harmful to our neighborhood to further loosen rental restrictions at the precise moment that pressures of the student housing market are diminishing. This move would have negative effects on property values, as well as increase the day-to-day nuisances we face compared to other neighborhoods.

What is the rationale for this? Who would benefit from this change? The only 'winners' would appear to be absentee landlords who don't care about the neighborhood, don't endure any of the issues named above, and do not live here. If so, this is not defensible, and the change should be rejected. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Best,

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