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Hello,

My name is Christopher Gruba, I'm a planner for Delta Township near Lansing, Michigan. I was a resident in Ann Arbor from 2003-2006, at 221 N. 5th Ave. I'm just writing to give my support to the proposed 413 E. Huron Street project. I understand that there have been many public comments regarding this project, namely that the scale is too large for the area. However, as a planner, I believe that you must consider function as well as form. The function of the project is to provide a need to the community in terms of student housing. Population density tends to have a negative connotation sometimes, but density makes for better public transportation, helps surrounding businesses and adds an "eyes on the street" element. If the right building architecture and materials were used for this structure, the scale may not seem so "out of place". The proposed project is not located within the historic district and should not be subject to its rules. Change is not always a bad thing, and once change occurs, many people that objected at first change their minds afterwards.

Thank you for your time,

Chris