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Dear A2 Planning Department,

I am writing in support of TC1 zoning wherever it has been proposed in Ann Arbor. I live near Plymouth Road, so am especially interested in that area. My husband and I moved to 1211 Wright St. in 2011 in order to reduce our reliance on cars. Most days we can walk or ride bikes to work, errands, and entertainment, although we do drive our car when we need to go to the other side of town, or out of town.

We have electric bikes, so that helps, being that we are in our 60's. We plan to continue this lifestyle as long as possible (I'll transition to a 3-wheeled bike when I have to!) because it is healthier, more pleasant, and has a lower carbon footprint.

I make this point because some people say that TC1 zoning is just for young people. To the contrary, I believe older folks would benefit greatly from living in a TC1 district and being able to walk to nearby businesses and access buses that run frequently from nearby bus stops. It is a major hassle and expense to have to drive everywhere, and the other forms of transportation are so much healthier and friendlier. When I walk I pass people I know—it feels like a neighborhood!

I also support TC1 zoning because I think the aesthetics will be greatly improved if buildings with retail and housing line the road with parking lots behind them. In other countries, and in older downtowns in the U.S., it's standard practice to do it that way. I find the "strip mall look" to be very unappealing. It's very disappointing that driving across the U.S., it's all beginning to look alike in a most unattractive way.

I welcome TC1 along Plymouth because right now the car is king along there. I find the expanses of parking very unattractive. The space could be put to much better use by providing much needed housing close to work and businesses.

I very much support your efforts throughout town to better utilize the space close to the city center, i.e. infill. Building more housing on the outskirts (which should be reserved for farmland and natural areas, instead) and making people drive long distances to their jobs and errands is definitely not the answer! I welcome these changes that will create a more affordable and sustainable city.

Thanks for your consideration,

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