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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposal made by David Lewis pushing for the demolition of the houses on Mary Ct.

Being the progressive city that Ann Arbor is, it shocked me to hear about the possibility of eliminating the current "affordable" housing and replacing it with what I can only assume will be more expensive housing options for the students and other residents in Ann Arbor. With over-priced high rises taking over Ann Arbor, approving this project would further eliminate the city's unique character and charm. Demolishing the current houses on Mary Ct in order to double the amount of people living there also creates the problem of overcrowding while displacing the students that already live there. Homelessness is evidently an issue in the city already. For permanent residents of Ann Arbor already struggling to make ends meet, projects like this one create opportunities for housing costs to further increase and potentially displace more residents.

Additionally, this project's goal to double the residents on Mary Ct would continue to worsen the already congested parking on the street. This not only affects the residents on Mary Ct but also the surrounding neighbors as this project does not appear to offer any sort of solution to the current parking issues. The construction in itself would create problems in this high-traffic area with equipment taking up space that quite frankly isn't there. Without accounting for all of these factors I feel that, if approved, this project will have extremely negative effects on the area.

Had my roommates and I known when we renewed our lease that our housing situation was not secure, we would have reconsidered. However, as previously stated, the other housing options are completely unaffordable for me as a student who is already paying for tuition and other over-priced expenses here in the city of Ann Arbor. I fully intend to renew my lease for the upcoming school year and I, along with the other students, will be put in an extremely difficult situation if we are forced to move out and find alternative housing in a city that has a sickening shortage of affordable options for the average person.

I urge the City Planning Commission to reject this proposal for all of the reasons above as it would set a bad precedent for those who currently live in the city and anyone considering moving here, whether it is for work or school. It certainly would be a deterrent to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.