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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:**

THE HONORABLE PLANNING COMMISSION,  
CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MI.

RE: U-HAUL PROPOSAL FOR STORAGE ADDITIONS AT 3655 SOUTH STATE STREET.

MY NAME IS ZAKHOUR YOUSSEF. MY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS 440 BARTON SHORE DRIVE. WE OWN PROPERTIES AT 2750 AND 3776 SOUTH STATE STREET.

I RESPECTFULLY OBJECT TO THE U-HAUL'S PROPOSAL. I STATE THIS OBJECTION IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS. THE PROPERTY, AS CURRENTLY DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED IS AN EYE SORE. THERE ARE ALWAYS TRAILERS, TRUCKS, AND OTHER UNATTRACTIVE EQUIPMENT CROWDED ON THE GRASS AND UP TO THE CURB. A U-HAUL EMPLOYEE CONTACTED ME TO SOLICIT MY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT. HER DISCRPTION OF THE EXTENSION WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING. IT SEEMS LIKE ADDING MORE SHABBINESS TO THE EXISTING ONE. WHATEVER IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET SHOULD BE MADE ATTRACTIVE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BOTH ANN ARBOR CITY AND PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP ARE MAKING ADMIRABLE EFFORTS TO GENTRIFY THE SOUTH STATE STREET CORRIDOR FROM I-94 TO MICHIGAN AVENUE.

I BELIEVE THAT THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE FOR THE ENTIRE U-HAUL PARCEL AND ADJACENT PARCELS IS UPSCALE DEVELOPMENTS: ATTRACTIVE HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, OFFICE BUILDING, ETC. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING DEMOLISHING OUR 3776 SOUTH STATE STREET BUILDING AND HAVE AN UPSCALE DEVELOPMENT ON THE FOUR AND HALF ACRES ON THE N.W. CORNER OF SOUTH STATE AND AIR PORT BOULIVARD. THE AREA IS READY FOR UPSCALE DEVELOPMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN MY COMMENTS.

RESPECFULLY,

ZAKHOUR YOUSSEF

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