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To the Ann Arbor City Council Planning Board and Wonwoo Lee,

This message is to communicate my strong opposition to the planning board's and Mr. Lee's proposal to rezone the parcel of land at 2525 Ann Arbor Saline Rd from office to residential, in order to further enrich the coffers of Mr. Lee and Oxford Companies, of which he is a real estate officer.

To quote directly from Mr. Lee's words on the Oxford Company website, *"We need to continue to champion excellence in the built environment – and that means more equitable, beautiful, accessible places that help to provide meaningful opportunities for all those in our city."* As a third generation Asian-American, who loves the outdoors, lakes, rivers, and open spaces in Michigan and the US, I take offense to Mr. Lee's use of the English language (i.e. "equitable, beautiful, accessible places") to define his vision for this city. His and the council's proposal to build a 5-story 225 unit apartment complex off one of the busiest roads (where the present speed limit is 45MPH!) leading into Ann Arbor from I-94, is a clear testament to the council's lack of vision, foresight, awareness, and most importantly, concern for the safety and welfare of the residents of this city.

The only benefit from this proposal is to further enrich the developers, Mr. Lee, and Oxford Companies, over the quality of life for the residents housed in the surrounding area of this proposed project.

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