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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal brought forward by David Lewis to demolish the homes on Mary Court. This proposal raises several serious concerns for both the immediate neighborhood and the broader Ann Arbor community.

First, increasing the number of residents to six people per house without adding adequate parking infrastructure would worsen the already well-known parking challenges in this area. This would inevitably lead to more congestion on Mary Street and neighboring roads, impacting both residents and visitors.

Second, Mary Court is widely recognized as a distinctive and close-knit living community for students at University of Michigan. Demolishing these homes would erode the unique character of the neighborhood and significantly alter the identity of the surrounding area.

Third, removing these homes will almost certainly drive up rent prices in nearby neighborhoods. This would undermine Ann Arbor's fair housing principles, which are meant to prevent student displacement and promote equitable access to housing. The proposed demolition stands in stark contrast to these values.

For these reasons, I urge the City Planning Commission to reject this proposal. Preserving Mary Court is essential to maintaining the character, livability, and affordability of this community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Katelynn Luton