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Dear Members of the Planning Board:

How many of you live in close proximity to the Mill Plaza? How will your life be affected by noise coming from the proposed student housing?

I live in the Woodridge Neighborhood and have frequently heard fire alarms going off in the middle of the night from UNH dorms. Clearly, some distance away. I frequently hear loud music coming from rentals close to campus. And, we've even had UNH students loudly bash (and destroy) our mailboxes as they walked our neighborhood late at night.

I have a lot of compassion for the neighbors of the Mill Plaza as I know how their lives will be disrupted if the student housing goes through. With the close proximity of student housing to the local bars, neighbors will routinely be awakened at night as students rarely keep their voices down when drunk. Plus, loud daytime music – with that highly annoying thumping base – will add to their stress.

The one thing Durham residents are entitled to is a quality of life devoid of noise disturbances – both during the day and at night.

I don't think you have any idea of how the noise from the proposed student housing will affect not just the abutters, but the entire Faculty Neighborhood – one of the most compact neighborhoods in Durham.

Until a study has been done calculating how noise will affect residents, you are gambling with the quality of life in our community– which is your job to protect.

Sincerely,

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