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Dear Planner Behrendt,

I am aware that the Planning Board again will have the opportunity to consider the latest of the never ending redesigns of the Mill Plaza. Some of the applicants initial designs were I agree aggressive very similar to what the HDC faced with the Orion proposal. But just as in that case the Plaza applicant has been open to modifying their design to address many of the concerns expressed by some community members. Unfortunately no design will be acceptable to some community member. That said I would encourage the Planning Board to evaluate the design before them from the prospective of the overall benefit to Durham. The plaza as currently configured grossly under serves Durham as well as fails to add its potential to Durham's tax base. The current proposal seems to be a reasonable compromise and the applicant is entitled to a reasonable use of their property. Please share these thoughts with the members of the Planning Board and encourage them to allow this design to move forward.

Regards,

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