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Attention members of the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment:

RE: Application for variance from Article 11, Section 175-7, of the Durham Zoning Ordinance to permit the temporary occupancy of four unrelated people in a single family home at 29 Mill Road.

My husband, Pete, and I are very much against granting this variance to allow student housing across the street at 29 Mill Road. We experience a constant driving of cars in and out of the driveway, repeatedly throughout the day. They have at least 4 occupants with at least 5 or 6 cars between them. Every night sometime near 1:00a.m., there is a car leaving and returning within 5 minutes. The cars are very loud and cause us or our children to lose sleep.

The occupants, though seeming to be very nice, are loud and repeatedly leaving and entering through the two ends of their driveway. We have children, as do many people now living on this street, that walk to school and into town. Having an apartment building with cars in and out all day and night is causing loss of sleep and a dangerous situation for the kids who have to walk on that side of the street, as that is the side with a sidewalk. We are also experiencing the college students living in a neighborhood with young children walking past and having to hear and see things that are not expected in this family neighborhood.

With so very many apartments in Durham and UNH, there is no reason to take away another area for families to be comfortable with children. Our property values will be negatively affected as will the feel of our neighborhood if this home continues to be used for student housing. We urge you to not allow Mill Rd. to be even more of a party street than it already is with the students using it as a pathway into and town and back again, often drunk and screaming. We don't need a stopping point along the way. Please do not take away our neighborhood along with the downtown.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lewis

