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Hello to everyone at the City of Hamilton,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and wife Gillian Ferrier, who co-own the property at [REDACTED] Stinson St. I am writing in regards to the current zoning issue that is before you at 130 Wellington Street South (by 130 Wellington Investments Inc.).

I would like to express our objection to updating the zoning as currently planned by the new owner. While the current 6-person boarding house is not ideal for the neighbourhood, neither is the idea of turning this once single family home in 6 units.

The reasons are many, but simply put we do not believe it is in the long-term interest of the neighbourhood to cram this much density into a single building. The move is aggressive.

I assume that as a boarding house it was able to house 6 *individuals* in separate rooms; this becomes something else entirely when we are talking about 6 *families* in those spaces. We would far prefer to see it as something more friendly to the neighbourhood, where tenants are more likely to take pride in the ownership or tenancy of the property.

The house itself has been an issue to date in regards to the people living there. Drinking on the porch, odd people coming and going at all hours of the night. In short – an eyesore. It is one of the problem houses in the neighbourhood.

And while I understand from speaking directly with Andrew that he has good intentions, there is nothing that assures us that a future owner would operate as scrupulously as he has expressed to me is his intention. And I believe him. **But zonings are permanent.** We're already now having to address a 6-person boarding house in the neighbourhood.

Please consider the future of this community and do not allow this property to be turned into a 6-unit dwelling. We have PLENTY of small, affordable units in the immediate neighbourhood already.

Thank you for your consideration,



On behalf of Mike MacMillan and Gillian Ferrier  
Owners: [REDACTED] Stinson St. Hamilton, Ontario