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Dear Mr. Olson:

We have lived in Newtonville for 23 years. In that time this community has become our loving home. We regularly tell people that we live in the best neighborhood in the world.

I am not at all opposed to development. New development brings new residents and new residents bring new businesses and a healthy thriving community. However, this Orr-block proposal is entirely out of proportion and character for Newtonville. As envisioned, the project will create a wall of bricks against the sky. It is something one would see in Natick along Route 9.

Help this firm understand that they need not to abandon this project or lose money on its completion, but to scale back their plans, lower the height and footprint, retain the affordable housing, and make it conform more closely and respectfully to the personality of the village. Frankly, if we help them make a modest success of this project, quite possibly they will want to propose additional projects for the city at large.

We own our neighborhood, not developers.

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