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Cc: David A. Olson
Subject: Note to Land Use Committee Re: 143 lincoln St

Hello dear Land Use Committee

We want to be good neighbors, we don't want to impede someone's desire to live among us, or even rent his home among us. But we also want to preserve the historic nature of the neighborhood we love, and prevent a precedent being set that could adversely affect our whole neighborhood.

And especially us.

We are direct neighbors to 143 Lincoln. We are on the corner of Mountfort at 135 Lincoln. We will look upon the proposed gargantuan home from our dining room, our hall, our bedrooms. And we worry — seriously worry — that your allowing a bigger-than-FAR precedent to be set at 143 will simply be repeated with "they did it; why can't we?" when our very elderly next-door neighbors at 125 sell their home.

Our home is on the historic register. On Jackson Homestead's tour of historic Newton. Of course we want improvement at 143. The current home at 143 is ugly. Does not fit the neighborhood. Looks like it was transplanted from Allston. We dream of it someday being a Victorian befitting the history of the Highlands. But one that sits within its plot of land without exceeding the FAR limits.

We urge you to not allow a special permit. To ensure playing by the rules.
Why does 143 have to be so huge?

Thank you for your time,

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