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Dear Madam Chairman,

I have just returned from a month in Europe and hasten to join with my fellow neighbours in letting you know the depth of our discontent at the prospect of the proposed construction at 2950 Tilden Street by Clark Realty.

My own house, along with eleven others, is one of the oldest on this short block having just celebrated its centenary in February. Additionally my house looks directly onto the proposed building's loading dock which view even now is rather unsightly.

all of our entreaties to Clark Realty have fallen on deaf ears. Town houses would better harmonize with the rest of the street. The lot is zoned R-2. Due to an error of long standing Clark Realty has designed a monstrous 49-unit condominium more suited to a location in Ballston or thereabouts rather than on a Connecticut Avenue side street. At six stories high and 247 feet wide the proposed building will literally dwarf the surrounding homes and change the character of the neighborhood.

When I purchased my home 20 years ago I was influenced by the abundance of trees across the street. Sadly, those are now all gone. Now we face the prospect of a monstrosity.

Please help us.
Respectfully,

Sybil de la Riva