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Hello,

I am a homeowner on Delafield St NE, a stone's throw away from the McDonald's at 4950 South Dakota (we are about 5 houses down from the McDonald's). I am writing in opposition to the request to rebuild a drive through at that location, due to the increase of traffic congestion, and the increase of the rodent problems plaguing our neighborhood.

First, this is an inappropriate location for a drive through. Already, we frequently see drivers turning the wrong direction onto our street from McDonald's, illegally driving the wrong way up a one way street. As the father of a young child, it is terrifying to us seeing cars speeding the wrong way up our street, as children don't expect the cars to be coming the wrong way. I can only imagine this will increase if the McDonalds has a drive through. I am concerned that this will increase traffic and congestion on our street and South Dakota, as it already has done up the street at the Chick-Fil-A.

Second, I am strongly opposed to any development at this location given the business's demonstrated inability to control the rodents at their establishment. We've been living at our house for 4+ years, and completely renovated our backyard when we moved in. To our horror, in the past two years we have had to deal with massive city rats digging under our fences, digging up our plants, burrowing into our yard, and leaving behind excrement everywhere, killing large portions of our grass. We have spent hundreds of dollars on exterminators and rodent control devices, and have killed many rats, but they keep coming. Recently, we reached out through 311 and an expert from pest control/department of health came out to look at our property. He told us that this is an ongoing problem in our neighborhood, and that it's caused by the McDonald's not properly securing and emptying their trash. He said they've been notified of the issue, but have not corrected it.

We invested hard-earned dollars into our backyard with the expectation we'd have a haven to host friends and for our child to play. We're now scared to have people over in the yard, mortified that a massive rodent will run by. We have heard similar comments from our neighbors on this side of Delafield near McDonald's.

I am strongly concerned that if they add a drive through, the amount of trash being generated will significantly increase. If McDonald's cannot be a responsible part of the neighborhood in its current state, they should not be permitted to expand their operations.

I would be happy to speak at the hearing tomorrow.

Best regards,  
Noah Simmons  
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