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I am writing in response to the MUP application for project 3020338.

I am a psychiatrist who practices in downtown Seattle and a member of the faculty of the Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute located in Madison Park.

Over the last 15 years I have been commuting by car regularly from downtown Seattle to the Institute and back via Madison Ave.

This commute has changed dramatically over the last 15 years. Traffic is much heavier, including chronic congestion in the Madison Valley neighborhood, the commute takes significantly longer and both driver and bicyclist safety is jeopardized by the heavy traffic and inadequate bicycle lanes. This commute is increasingly untenable, unpleasant and unsafe. It is deeply worrisome that proceeding with development of project 3020338 will significantly further exacerbate the problems with commuting as well as having a very adverse impact on the Madison Valley neighborhood due to the worsening traffic.

Another concern is the loss of valued green belt that would result from proceeding with this project. The green belt that would be lost is a treasured, public asset. This green belt enhances the quality of life of the Madison Valley neighborhood as well as the entire Seattle urban area in so many important, irreplaceable ways. This green belt is a vital aspect of the landscape that contributes to making the Madison Valley neighborhood and our city a unique, desirable environment in which to live, work and play.

I respectfully request that you do not issue permits for project 3020338 until these concerns are further addressed.

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Sent from my iPhone