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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to express my immense dismay at hearing that there was intention to demolish and redevelop what is absolutely the heart of the Belltown community. Seattle has gone through enormous and obvious change over the past decade, and as someone who has lived in the area for nearly 20 years, I strongly view Belltown - and in particular this stretch of it - as one of the last remaining vestiges of "true Seattle," representative of its culture and history in too many ways to count.

The idea of this area being scrapped for more homogenized, mundane high-rise condos that no one can afford, pushing out the culture and community that has managed to maintain itself despite constant attempts to change and permanently alter it - is truly appalling. I have nothing but love for Belltown as it is, and while things must change with the times in certain ways, there is nothing to gain - aside surely from putting more money into the pockets of those who don't likely need it - from destroying an area that is so integral to the arts and culture of what was once a great city.

The area has immense history, ranging from the Prohibition era to the grunge movement and beyond, and even new businesses that have been built in recent years in the area have managed to align with the same feeling that the older ones have established. It would be a travesty to lose this place - no one feels as strongly about any neighborhood in Seattle that I know of that they do about Belltown, and there is absolutely a reason for that.

If you value the city of Seattle beyond how it can make money for the 1%, beyond how it can continue to suckle at the teat of Amazon and similar companies, if you care remotely for arts, culture, community, thriving and interesting nightlife, and everything wonderful that can come from those things, then you will reconsider this plan.

Regards,  
Andrew Stevens