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To: Martin, Al
Subject: Letter of Opposition

I hope I have directed this letter to the correct place and hope that you can confirm it's arrival.
Thank-you ~ Kate

Dear Mr. Martin, Mr. Wagner, and Members of the UDC,

I would like to state my strong opposition to the development proposal in it's current form for the Ideal Body property. As a neighbor living adjacent to this proposal I object on the grounds that this proposal is in stark contrast with the size, scale, and character of the neighborhood, and that it would negatively impact the quality of life here. I wish it to be clear that I am not opposed to development - most I have spoken to as well as myself, are in agreement that development should and needs to happen on Park Street. I am certain that you are well aware that this construction will very soon inform imminent development on neighboring blocks, and therefore it's imperative to fairly and critically judge this proposal. I deeply question the need for 60+ more rental units in this neighborhood when there is a surplus already, and am concerned about what the developer would do in the case of difficulty in finding tenants. The retail space would be welcome on this block, however, and I hope that is successful. There are personal concerns of the effects of pilings on our home's foundation, issues of water table management, loss of any privacy in our backyard, one year of construction, light, and noise pollution, but I am mostly concerned about what's best for Greenbush neighborhood. My greatest concern is the height and mass of this proposal, which is not compatible with Greenbush neighborhood's development wishes or it's character, and ask that you require the developer to limit the height. There are successful examples of the type of stepped back and modified development that would be acceptable such as the Sequoya library, and even the new development going on as we speak on Monroe Street next to the framing store and next to Mallatts, and I truly hope you can put what's best for the neighborhood first when making a final decision.

Thank-you for your consideration,

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