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To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Hearing, Sound Level Variance Kraus Anderson Construction Company & Ramsey Company 238 University Apartments
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 4:33:07 PM

City Council members, and all other relevant parties, thank you for taking the time to consider our input regarding this matter.

I live in the Carleton Artists Lofts at 2341 University Ave W. This is the A Building of the three buildings that comprise the Carleton Artists Lofts. Much of this wording has been crafted by a neighbor of mine. But all these words ring true to how I feel about this situation. Working from home and having my day involve 10 hours of construction noise with no restriction on noise is untenable.

Some of us have experienced vibrating inside our apartments that causes things to rattle and clatter, some of us have been awakened in the early hours of the morning by incredible noise, and some of us have had our work days interrupted by both of these things. We find ourselves newly concerned by the request to increase this noise (either by decibel or duration, it is not entirely clear). As you are acutely aware, many of us are now working from home, or are working new jobs that require us to work "odd" hours. Working from home presents it's own challenges, but adding loud, unpredictable, and possibly unrelenting noises during the whole of regular working hours would be an unprecedented challenge, especially considering there are precious few alternative spaces to work from in the city at large. Working jobs that begin second shift or later require an alternative sleep schedule. Being awoken at 7am by loud, unpredictable, and possibly unrelenting noises that could run well into a second shift-start time could render a restful night's sleep unobtainable. It is doubly concerning to us that over the last 10+ years of construction in our four block area, we have never seen a sound level variance request. That is not to say we haven't had our daily lives disrupted by those construction projects, but rather makes us deeply concerned over how much more our (already incredibly disrupted) daily lives will be even further disrupted by this project. We do not enjoy being inflexible on this matter, but we feel we have been asked to be infinitely flexible by a never ending parade of construction, and have seen little to no respite. Please deny this request, and ask that Kraus Anderson Construction Company & Ramsey Company 238 University Apartments seek a less intrusive solution regarding this element of construction. We would like to again thank the Council (and all other relevant parties) for including our voices in this decision.

Thank you,
Paige Tighe