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**Subject:** Lot Lines Variance

Dear Coucilman Tolbert:

I am a resident of the Macalester Groveland neighborhood. I have been meaning to share with you my disappointment about the watered-down regulations for house tear-downs and new homes. I just heard that Board of Zoning approved a major variance to the lot lines defining property in St. Paul.

I firmly believe that property owners should determine the use of their own land within the context of city codes. But I disagree about changing lot lines to accommodate owners' nonconforming building desires! I see that the Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommended that the variance be denied but they were overruled. And that The Board of Zoning Appeals' own staff acknowledges that the variance does not meet several necessary criteria.

This smacks of powerful interests pulling strings.

I am unable to attend the public hearing tomorrow but want to convey my sincere hope that you and our city council consider seriously the rights of ordinary property owners (as opposed to developers/builders), and the special character and ambiance that make St. Paul such a special place to live.

Thanks for listening.

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