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City Counselors for the City of Saint Paul,

My name is Chris Wahrman and I live down the block from Hamline and Portland Avenues in Saint Paul and I request that you do not allow the Sound Level Variance Application for the Great Lawn Concert this May.

While I enjoy living in the city and accept that noise is a reality of living in an urban environment, the concert last summer was an exceptionally unusual and frustrating experience. I do not want a repeat of that event and I'd like the council to stand up against such nuisance events.

In my neighborhood I hear the football games from Concordia and the cheers from MN United Allianz Field. In fact, I have season tickets to the MN United Loons games and enjoy the convenience of walking from my home to the games.

But the disturbance from the outdoor concert last year was unacceptable. I left my home and visited my mother in Como Park and we could still hear the noise there.

If the concert had been inside the stadium then I imagine more of the noise would have been contained by the structure. But these concerts are conducted out on the lawn / parking lot where there is no noise protection.

Outdoor concerts of this intensity are not acceptable at the location in question. There is no protection for the neighborhood and I live a mile from the actual sound. There are people who live less than a block to the north who have to suffer the noise from the concert and I doubt they could enjoy anything in their homes unless they were stone deaf.

Please reject the noise variance request out of respect for the people who live in your city.

If not, please direct the concert to be held inside the stadium to help reduce the noise pollution.

Sincerely,

Chris W.