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City Council,

I am 86 years old and live only one house away from 418 Sherburne Ave. I strongly oppose the variance for a 24-person sober transition house. This proposal blatantly violates city code, which requires 1,320 feet between such facilities—not the mere 513 feet proposed. You cannot simply ignore the law and sacrifice the safety of residents like me.

A sober house of this size brings real dangers: relapses, disturbances, police calls, and constant foot traffic. As a senior citizen living so close, I fear for my safety and peace of mind. I deserve to feel secure in my own home.

On top of that, our block already has serious parking problems. Adding a facility of this size would create chaos for residents and visitors alike.

Our neighborhood is NOT a dumping ground. Follow your own laws. Deny this variance and protect the people who have lived here for decades.

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