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Dear City Council members,

We own a condo in the Market House Building, which is our main and only home. Our building is just across 6th Street East from the 287 6th Street East building, whose owner is seeking for approval of conversion of 85% of the building into a storage facility.

We would like to express our strong opinion against the conversion. We want to see Lowertown develop in the direction of growing residential community and enhancing the quality of life. For this reason Downtown Alliance is expanding its urban development effort from the western part of Downtown Saint Paul to cover Lowertown, starting 2025. The City supports this expansion, as it desires to bring more RESIDENTS to Lowertown, not more BOXES. We do not want to live in an industrial zone here. If this happens, we will be looking into selling our condo and moving out. I am sure we will not be the only ones. This may lead to a drop of already low real estate values in Lowertown.

Thank you,  
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