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Dear Senator Hwang,

I understand you are bringing the proposed affordable housing project up at a meeting tomorrow.

I wanted to let you know the impact this housing would have on Southport Woods East Condominiums on Mill Hill Road in Southport, where I live. Mill Hill Road and Bronson Road meet right where our condos are. The traffic is horrendous and there is four way stop signs at all four corners of Mill Hill Road and Bronson Road. We also have the Mill Hill School, so there are buses coming and going, parents bringing their children to school and picking them up, and sometimes children walking from Bronson up the hill to the school. People fly through these stop signs without any thought of stopping at the stop signs.

The area where Garden Homes Management of Stamford wants to put a four story, 95 unit affordable housing project is right at entrance 20 North on I-95. I take this entrance every morning on my way to the railroad station around 7:15am. Getting out of our condominiums, making a left hand turn and then left again on to Bronson Road to get to the I-95 entrance can take anywhere from 5-10 minutes. This is a very busy intersection with cars and school buses all over the place. This housing project, which also backs up on to the railroad, would have a terrific impact on our quality of life. Most of our condo owners have lived here for 20+ years. Southport is a historic village and this housing project would have a very negative affect on the people and the town. Several of my neighbors and I attended the TPZ hearings for this project. Garden Homes management made a very poor presentation, were unprepared and didn't have their project properly thought out. Their traffic engineer presented a study on the amount of traffic this project would create, unfortunately not for Southport and Fairfield, but the study was for some town in Maryland which was done 40 years ago. Other areas of their presentation were also not logical.

We understand the need for affordable housing in Fairfield. There are other areas where this project could be built that wouldn't interfere with quality of life for residents.

Sincerely,

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