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President Shannon and
Burlington City Councilors
City Hall
149 Main Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Re: Champlain College

Dear President Shannon and Burlington City Councilors:

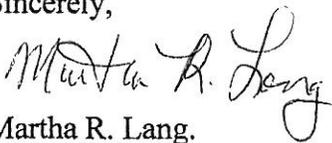
I am concerned that the word student in line twenty-nine of the Proposed Champlain College Purchase of the Browns Court Parking Lot Site violates the Federal Fair Housing Law. You cannot rent to only students. You must rent these apartments to families, the elderly, and so forth. Yet, this proposal gives the city's approval for Champlain College to discriminate. These are apartments, not dorms, and they must be made available to all citizens.

Why is Champlain College willing to pay four times the assessed value for this land? In order for this parking lot to be worth \$1M (the appraised value) it would have to have a building on it, which it doesn't, but the appraisal did not take that into consideration. I went to city hall and studied the appraisal.

I hope that there is no connection between CEDO trying to get the city council to approve of a discriminatory housing agreement and Champlain College's \$1M payment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Martha R. Lang.