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Dear Scott Gustin,

Please share my remarks as a part of the public comments for the August 4 hearing of public concern about the proposed Burton Higher Ground project.

My parents are in their early eighties living in the Red Rocks condominiums. The proposed project is likely to create conditions in which their access to urgent or emergency medical care, if needed, would be impeded by traffic.

I object to the proposed project because the project is inconsistent with the nature of the neighborhood and community. It is a quiet area and has a reasonable amount of commerce at present but would not be able to accommodate the proposed project at any scale.

This project was rushed through late at night without consideration for the statements of impacted neighbors. I remember a man who shared that traffic noise already makes sleep difficult at times for one of his children. The traffic studies that we have seen make it clear that there would be a dreadful burden, including a lot of air and noise pollution, any time HG would hold a concert in this area. There are far more suitable locations for such a project within Burlington. Neighbors also raised concerns about people leaving the venue when under the influence and creating increased accident risks to themselves and neighbors, and even accessing the nearby wooded areas and lakefront parks late at night and causing harm to themselves or others.

The main problem with the project idea is that it is less safe for residents living in the area. It is also unsafe for those who would be attending concerts. What happens if there is an emergency at the venue? Do you think realistically that emergency vehicles would be able to access the area in that kind of chaos? The answer is actually, no, they would not.

The roads, which are all quite narrow residential streets, coming into and going out of the area, are difficult to maintain and quickly fall into disrepair. Last year, the city paid me almost \$1000 for damage to my vehicle from the roadways. The road ways and traffic flow into the area ought to be maintained but not changed in any substantial way, as they are part of the unique character of this quiet and special place to live.

Please help Burton and Higher Ground remain neighbors in good standing and oppose this project.

Thank you,

Jennifer Decker

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Dear Mr. Gustin:

I strongly oppose the Burton plans to bring, as I see it, noise, party goers and congestion to our neighborhood in the 5th ward. This plan, if one can call it that, is misguided and harmful to our sense of well being and our joy in living in peace and quiet.

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I live on Austin Drive in the Red Rocks condos. I am against Higher Ground moving into my neighborhood because of noise, not only during the concert but the noise that will be created as people come and go from the venue late at night. I am also concerned about the traffic congestion as the roads around here are not wide and cannot accommodate so much traffic. If there is an emergency, ambulances would have a hard time getting through. Please take your plan to another location like the Moran Plant! Thank you for listening. Judy Galloway Sent from my iPad