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To: Ashley Clark; Zoning Board of Appeals

## **Opposition to 40B 5 or 6 story buildings**

Hi,

My name is Bill Monteith, and I live on 40 Cobble Knoll Drive in South Walpole.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the massive Omni Development in our town. I would hope the ZBA denies any appeals for the buildings to go over 4 stories.

Obviously, the company is trying to maximize profits at the expense of our town. 5 stories, never mind 6 story building, are far to large for the footprint of South Walpole. The safety issues alone should be enough in NOT granting a waiver to go above 4 stories. I do not know why you would give in and grant this waiver at the expense of the South Walpole families and children who oppose these 5 and 6 story buildings in the middle of a quaint neighborhood.

I'd ask you to think about what the high rise buildings add the to South Walpole other than more profit for the builders.

I have talked with several lawyers who also agree that there is no reason why the Zoning Board of Appeals has to grant any waiver to Omni for this. 40B laws are there for a reason, and we as a town should not have to grant these builders anything. They knew in advance that they were allowed 4 Stories, and there is no good reason you can tell me that it should be higher than that.

I hope you deny the waiver request based on the number of safety and environmental issues the extra stories would bring to this town. I honestly think 4 stories is too high, but i see no reason why the HAC wouldn't support the 4 story height.

So I would humbly ask you to reject this waiver in its entirety. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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