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Mr. Charles Abel
Assistant Director
Division of Health Facility Planning
433 River Street, Suite 303
Troy, NY 12180

Dear Mr. Abel,

I write to you regarding the proposed Jewish Home Lifecare nursing home facility to be located on West 97th Street or West 100th Street. This proposed construction is concerning to both myself and the constituents I represent.

Many constituents have contacted me regarding this development and the myriad resulting issues that would affect my district in a negative manner. Among them, there is the issue of the construction itself. The new construction would fill the area with noise pollution, affecting the quality of life for everyone in the area, most notably the children in the classrooms of PS 163 on West 97th Street. The resulting new building would sacrifice possible playgrounds and parks for neighborhood children in exchange for an overwhelmingly tall, new building in an area praised for its architectural history and beauty.

Additionally, the increased traffic in the area due to the cars and ambulances going to and from the nursing facility adds danger to an already crowded area where children frequently walk. Finally, there are concerns for the people within the nursing home. The size of the nursing facility could possibly prevent the people living there from leaving and maintaining healthy lifestyles.

I write to ask you to determine the mechanisms by which the Department of Health can address these grievances. These are serious issues for my community and ones that I appreciate all of your help in helping us resolve.

Very truly yours,

Daniel O'Donnell
Assembly Member

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