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Dear Jodi Patterson-O'Hare, Abby Weber and Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections,

As a resident and an owner of two condominiums in the Enso building located at 820 Blanchard Street, I am more than a little concerned about this proposed building. In the past five years we have put up with three Amazon towers, the McKenzie apartments (built so close we could almost touch them), the Stratus and Cirrus Apartments and numerous other buildings. We can no longer see our city icon the Space Needle, the water or the sky! The view out across Blanchard was our only saving grace. Now you propose to put a giant building there that will cause many hardships to us personally and to our wonderful neighbors. I am not an engineer but this cantilever type of building seems very suspect indeed. How is it to hold up in an earthquake for one?

We are opposed to any more buildings in our area, the height and design of this building will greatly impact our quality of life by cutting off what little sun we have left after the massive invasion of sky scrapers in our downtown area. The construction noise has been non stop for many years to the point that my renters have given notice if another building goes up across the street they will leave. I am retired and their rent is my source of income. We have and continue to endure the McKenzie building for a very long time (two years), first it was the construction noise and with that building about 15 feet off of ours, it blocks our sunshine, our view and need I mention the voyeurism that goes on daily. Our only saving grace was that the other two sky scraper apartment buildings (Stratus and the sister building) were far enough away that we still see some light. Now this proposed particularly ugly giant building is going to take that away.

With only 100 parking spaces planned for this building that doesn't seem enough for a building of this size. The extra traffic that would be generated would be a huge impact. We already have to have a police traffic employee to direct incoming and out going traffic and this building will make it almost impossible to navigate this already over stressed intersection.

It is time for the City of Seattle to say enough is enough and stop the over building of the Denny Triangle. There are just not enough services for this many people living in this dense area. We have only one grocery store, one gas station, our police force has been cut back so less protection, there will be more stress on our already over stressed fire department as well as the medical services. T

So what happens to the smoke vent over the Butchers Table or the awesome design of that entire building? It will be forever ruined. So now are we building cantilever style buildings just to make a buck on any spaces that shouldn't be built on at all? It will completely destroy the esthetics of that small triangle of property. Just because there is a small lot, do we really need to permit people to build on it? Is the City of Seattle and the owner of this small lot just concerned about money and not about the people that actually live downtown or the impact this building will have on its residents?

Our neighborhood has become a breeding ground for crime with the homeless and riots, by adding even more people in this small area would negatively impact this already dire situation. By leaving some open sky and spaces our city has more of a welcoming feeling and safer than the dark, shady, cold streets that this building will create. We don't want to live in a city like New York, we love Seattle and want it to remain livable.

Respectfully,

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