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Ms.
Connelly,

I am vehemently opposed to the youth prison, though the State calls it detention. If the youth are locked up, they are prisoners. I have lived on the northwest side since 1978. I love the atmosphere, no street lights, space, less traffic, not much crime, and parks. I want to continue to live fairly safely and if a prison is built on the Clinton Avenue site, I would not feel safe in my neighborhood.

I oppose it for the following reasons:

Detriment to my property value.

My property value is already less than a comparable neighborhood on the far south side of Milwaukee, mainly because of the racial makeup.

Concerned about an uptick in crime due to visitors going in and others possibly sitting in their car waiting for family visitors to return.

Concerned about litter- when people have not been taught to take care of where they live, they will not take care of a place that they visit. I am not stereotyping. I am speaking what is demonstrated daily.

My community will not feel safe. My elderly neighbors will not be safe on bus stops or at Pick n Save or at neighboring businesses. Businesses won't feel safe.

This side of town is yet reeling from the multiple families that were displaced from 6th/Walnut Street area many years ago. People were pushed to the northwest and some brought crime, litter, no skills, no resources, and no immediate transportation (for a long time). People should been taught before they were forced to move. The makeup of the area changed. Had the city trained the residents on how to care for where they lived, the area on the northwest side (77th-85th north of Brown Deer Rd) would not be in the condition that it is today.

We need more businesses, youth facilities, developments, etc. on the northwest side. Don't continue to divest and demise the northwest side.

I feel this prison is being shoved down our throats due to a lack of representation. I do not feel that the State or the city of Milwaukee is listening to me.

Look for a facility in the neighborhood where most offenders came from.

Thank you.

Mrs. Shirley Tucker
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