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Subject: Proposed Juvenile Correctional Facility at 7930 W. Clinton Avenue.

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Dear Plan Administrator,

I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the above mentioned proposal of locating a Juvenile Correctional Facility at 7930 W. Clinton Avenue. As you may know, the north side of Milwaukee is highly blighted with the closing of the Northridge Shopping Mall, Walgreens, Walmart, Target, Olive Garden and many other businesses. This area of Milwaukee is looking deserted and desolate as well as in disrepair due to the lack of maintenance on the vacant properties. I can't imagine how proposing and building a Type 1 Maximum Security Serious Juvenile Offender Correctional Facility will encourage people to want to purchase property, homes, and businesses in this area. I predict that there will be another mass exodus of residents and businesses leaving the area which will damage it further.

In addition, I don't agree that replacing a 300+ bed correctional facility with a 35 bed facility is adequate or large enough to house the increasing number of Serious Juvenile Offenders. There are presently 60+ in the system now, and likely many more to be added in the future. Juvenile crime has been increasing with more aggressive and violent crime(s) being committed. The number ***is not*** decreasing. In the last month, at least 5 Juvenile Offenders have been arrested and charged with Homicide including a 10 year-old being charged as an adult. How are we going to keep society safe from these individuals without having adequate and large enough facilities to incarcerate and potentially rehabilitate them? I think that it is overly optimistic and deluded thinking to believe that a 35 bed facility will be large enough. This will only cause a waste of taxpayer dollars building a facility which is too small, and will likely lead to more tax dollars being spent to build additional facilities or to expand the currently proposed facility in the future. Let's get it correct and acceptable to the public the first time!

Sincerely,

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