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Dear Alderman Bauman,

My name is Elizabeth Schmid, I live just down the street from the Deer District in the Germania Apartments (135 W Wells St.) in downtown Milwaukee. I would like to voice my concerns about the plans to build additional concert venues in this area.

Already do we have a heavily saturated space of arenas and stages both large and small. The flow of traffic in and out (already highly backed up) can only escalate from here making the everyday commute, day and night, only worse. Downtown living can be a hassle and I do not wish to see the issues to come with that. Yes, traffic may be considered as a small problem, but I think of the consequences that may arise from aggravated drivers or possibly an increase in intoxicated drivers as well.

Along with more traffic comes the issue of parking. Granted I have not experienced this myself, but many neighbors and friends have expressed to me their difficulty in finding parking during the weeknights as well as weekends. Whether it be street parking or an overflow into monthly paid parking, this forces those who are residents to move elsewhere to accommodate the influx of people for concert/sporting events. Another venue entering the Deer District area would only escalate this problem. As I said previously, although I have been lucky that my parking structure has not filled up to the point of me having to relocate, it has been close and can only mean bad luck for others with a smaller lot.

As a young female living in the neighborhood with a late-night work schedule, I take the safety precautions to watch out for myself during busy nights but with an influx of pedestrians adding spiked crime rates, I can't help but be concerned as well.

All these issues expressed by me as well as many others does concern me as I have not heard much talk about plans to counteract.

Until these concerns are addressed, I would like to voice my opposition to this music venue at this time.

Thank you for your time.