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Hello-

My name is Margaret Thorn, I live at 7578 N. 79th Street. I am the block watch captain for our Neighborhood. I AM OPPOSED to the building of this Juvenile Facility in my neighborhood.

The state is cramming this project down our throats without any regard and a whole lot of disrespect.

I found out about this project because a reporter showed up at my house after I got home from a long day of working. They wanted to know my opinion...I told them that if the Governor wants this so bad, he should put it in his back yard. Madison would be a shorter commute then the current Lincoln Hills.

I did not do the despicable crimes that these juveniles have done, I should NOT have to pay the price of housing them in my neighborhood. We currently have enough crime and NOT enough police support as is.

Oh but they are just kids, who made one mistake...I am not buying that. Oh I feel bad for them but those are the choices that they made! And yes maybe this newfound programing is the end all and be all...then start in the public school and find me some statistis the prove it works before you waste 42 Million dollars! I would like to think our elected official's work smarter!

Oh I know none of you on this committee represent our district, but I would hope for the sake of the city that you listen to the people who live in this district and not just all the people who take up the worthy cause of helping children. I have been to the majority of the meetings planned by the state. They were all focused on just what the state wants to push thru. The people who oppose were put at the back of the bus and we all know oh well that goes over. At the last planning commission hearing, the state talked for well over 3 hours presenting their plan. Which I may add changes with the wind. One time its 32 beds then its 48, one fence will be 8 ft then 16 ft. I heard a range for 70 employes to 300...how do we know what to believe. I have called out Secretary Carr and Lena Taylor for their discrepancies...complete denial and classic political circle talking. SO after the 3 plus hours, I finally got my chance to talk. I was told 3 minutes. How is that fair?

PLEASE DO NOT PUSH THIS FORWARD!

Thank for your listening.

Margaret Thorn