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Board of Selectmen
Brookline Town Hall
333 Washington Street
Brookline, MA 02445

Dear Selectmen:

In August, we wrote you telling of some of our concerns regarding the development plans proposed for 1299 Beacon Street, which is directly across Sewall Avenue from our building. Although the proposed scale of the project has been reduced, we still have reservations concerning the project.

In general, our reservations still hold even with the reduced scale, but let me emphasize one potentially serious safety concern regarding parking in the proposed building.

The current plans call for access to the garage to be with two car lifts. According to the even the revised plan, there are no ramps for cars to drive directly to their assigned parking spots. What if one of the car lifts in the garage fails? It would take only 5 cars waiting on Sewell Street to get into that garage to back traffic up to Longwood. Imagine the problem at rush hours. Since Longwood Avenue is a key ambulance route to the Longwood medical area, backup from Beacon 1299 parking could have serious consequences for those going to the hospital.

For the sake of safety, we would like to see a revised parking scheme for the garage – one that features a ramp rather than car lifts, which would be subject to reliability concerns and the availability of building personnel to assure safe operation.

We had planned to attend the January 3 meeting where this project was to be discussed, but the date was moved to January 24. Unfortunately, we will be out of town then.

Please consider requiring a ramp rather than the proposed car lift system for the Beacon 1299 project. Perhaps this would mean that the project be further scaled down.

Sincerely yours,

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