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Dear elected officials,

I would like to join my voice to those of my neighbors in saying that I support the first draft of amendments to the mans ionization ordinances. I am among the overwhelming majority of residents in Westwood who supports limits on home size. My family has invested a lot of time, money, and love in home renovations that do not expand the size of our three bedroom, one-story home, but which do add charm. For the moment, both houses on either side of us are also small, giving us privacy. I dread the day that one of our neighbors might move and sell their home to someone who would build a huge eyesore next door, as has happened further down our street. I hope a strong law—without the loopholes in the newest draft—will be passed so that my husband and I can continue to live in our home after our children have left for college and we are old and grey. We would be so sad to move out of our beloved home if a mcmansion were built next door.

I was disheartened to learn that the latest draft preserves loopholes that undermine the ordinance, including the exemption for attached garage space (even in "the flats") and excessive allowances for grading and hauling. I am worried that the latest draft borrows elements from Re:Code LA that make the ordinance harder to understand and harder to enforce. I agree with my neighbors that it is time for Los Angeles to put stable communities and neighborhood character ahead of real estate speculation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,

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