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Dear council members,

As a resident of Highline, the building affected by the proposed bylaw purpose amendment, I am writing to express my vehement opposition of the conversion of the current commercial office space into hotel use. This amendment not only poses significant safety concerns but also threatens to disrupt the tranquility and well-being of the residents within the vicinity.

First and foremost, the conversion to hotel raises alarming safety issues. From my understanding, our building is currently designed and equipped to accommodate office use, not the intensified occupancy and traffic flow associated with hotel. With the introduction of 159 hotel units, there will undoubtedly be a surge in foot traffic, elevating the risk of accidents and security breaches within the premises.

Furthermore, the proposed ground-level hotel lobby with liquor service presents a concerning escalation of noise levels and potential disturbances. The introduction of alcohol service not only amplifies the risk of noise pollution but also raises concerns about public intoxication and disorderly behavior, posing a direct threat to the safety and comfort of residents within the vicinity. The quality of our residential environment would undoubtedly be compromised by the presence of a bustling hotel lobby.

Additionally, the conversion to a hotel is bound to exacerbate traffic congestion issues in the area. With an influx of guests, staff, and service vehicles, our transportation infrastructure will be further burdened, leading to delays and frustrations for residents navigating in and out of the building. Moreover, increased vehicular activity heightens the risk of accidents and collisions, posing a significant threat to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity.

In light of these pressing concerns, I implore the council to reconsider the proposed amendment and prioritize the well-being and safety of the residents within the affected building. Any decision regarding land use must be made with careful consideration of the potential impacts on the surrounding community, and it is evident that the conversion to hotel use fail to meet this criterion. Our community's safety and tranquility should not be sacrificed for the sake of commercial interests.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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