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To the Portland Maine Planning Board,

As a co-owner of housing on both Congress and St Lawrence streets I am greatly concerned about the proposed development at 118 Congress.

This building is dramatically out of character with the neighborhood.

It is an imposing edifice that is pushing boundaries on many levels.

Just because it might now (with controversial height limits approved) be within legal limits does not mean it should be allowed to happen as it is proposed.

I have recently become aware of the scope of this development and believe that further examination and modifications are necessary in terms of scale of design, public easements, and public safety. Enjoyment of scenic beauty with buildings to scale and continuity of our planned tree lined streets should not be jeopardized so that this development can move forward in its current state.

Holidays and weather limitations should not work in favor of the developers here.

I don't believe a project of this size should be allowed to slide through without further discussion, input and modifications.

Thank you,
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