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Hi Jean.

I live at 52 Saint Lawrence Street on Munjoy Hill.

I'm okay with the idea of condos at 118 Congress if they will be green, well-designed, and within the current height restriction.

I'm NOT okay with awarding the developers a variance to go up an additional five feet; the building would then be out-of-scale and overpowering to its surroundings.

It surprises me that Jed Rathban is insensitive to the aesthetic and traditions of the neighborhood; it does sadden me when profit trumps all else.

With enough space left around the building and the height kept at the current restriction, we would hope to see a pleasant physical addition to the neighborhood. That said, luxury condos at the center of our "village" will begin to erode the diversity of our area--a major reason that many of us live here.

Isn't it amazing how the investment of one small group can change a whole neighborhood?

Thank you so much for your attention to this.

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