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To: [Tamara Szudy](#)
Subject: [External] Traffic & Safety Concerns — Proposed 148-Child Daycare at 7754 Harwood Ave
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Dear Ms. Szudy,

We are parents of students at St. John's Lutheran School on Harwood Avenue and Wauwatosa residents writing to express concern about the proposed 148-child daycare at 7754 Harwood Avenue.

We fully support high-quality early-childhood education in Wauwatosa; however, we believe this specific site presents serious traffic and safety challenges that warrant further review.

Key concerns:

The development would at least double parking and drop-off activity, forcing families and staff to navigate significantly increased traffic.

Harwood Avenue is a dead-end street primarily used for school access and limited neighborhood parking.

The traffic light controlled intersection to the immediate west of the proposed facility is already difficult to navigate for commuters - motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians - and has seen many accidents.

Vehicles must turn around near an active railroad crossing, creating conflict points with children walking to and from school. Sadly, Wauwatosa has experienced several train-related deaths involving pedestrians in the recent past.

We respectfully ask that the City delay or condition approval until a full safety review is completed by the Traffic Affairs Committee.

Under Wauwatosa Municipal Code § 24.16.040, conditional uses must protect public health, safety, and welfare and be compatible with surrounding uses. The current configuration does not appear to meet those standards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to safe, family-friendly neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Daniel & Sandra Phelps