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Don Mills

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Mr. Thomas C. Keefe, Director  
Community Planning, North York District  
North York Civic Centre  
5100 Yonge Street  
Toronto, Ontario, M2N 5V7

Dear Mr. Keefe,

I am writing to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the Cadillac Fairview proposal to accommodate a series of mixed-use buildings along the Donway West. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Community Consultation Meeting on July 24 because I was out of the country at that time.

The Official Plan and the Zoning By-law express the will of the people, arrived at and formulated through the appropriate democratic process. They do allow variances in cases where the Zoning By-laws stand in the way of reasonable building solutions. These By-laws also state that the maximum height of buildings in Don Mills should not exceed 8 stories.

By requesting permission to build up to 32 stories, four times the allowed height, Cadillac Fairview is clearly not demanding a "variance". Even if they had requested half this height, their request would have been cynical and outrageous. Or have we arrived at the point where variances are granted to builders for the mere purpose of making money?

If our democratically elected representatives allow Cadillac Fairview to increase the height and the density in the Don Mills Centre dramatically and to destroy the character of our community in the process, this will indeed be a victory of greed over democracy, and it will become widely known as such.

Sincerely,

PS. I reserve the right to make the above letter known to third parties.