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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express **our strong support for the proposed by-law to revise the Public Nuisance By-law**. While we found the recent events on Fleming Drive deplorable, our support for this by-law is not a reaction to this bad behaviour. Instead, our support stems from our own experiences with the occupants of student rental properties in our North-London neighbourhood.

We own a home that is situated close to no less than three student rental properties. Overall, we have found our student neighbours to be disruptive, disrespectful, and irresponsible.

Our current student neighbours (students at both Western University and Fanshawe College) have collectively hosted about twenty parties over the past ten months. Without exception each party has generated an unacceptable amount of noise. The noise comes in a variety of forms (music, drinking, singing, laughing, shouting, screaming, swearing, etc., and on more than one occasion this has taken place on the roof of the offending property), and it routinely wakes those asleep in our house. In fact, mid-week early-morning disruptions have caused both of us to miss work, and our children to miss school.

Our student neighbours and their party guests have also directly accosted us on our property – while they were intoxicated – to let us know that they do not appreciate it when we complain to police or landlords about noise and disruption. We have witnessed similar interactions between students and non-student neighbours: our student neighbours will sometimes swear at those passersby they do not like.

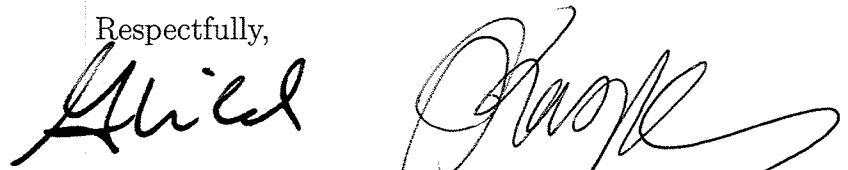
In addition to disruptive parties, our student neighbours habitually leave garbage strewn about their property, and leave broken glass and rotting food on public boulevards. This behaviour makes the neighbourhood both unsightly and dangerous (the broken glass is a safety hazard, and food attracts animals). Our student neighbours have been asked politely to clean up after themselves. However, their non-compliant attitudes have meant that we and our non-student neighbours are left to pick up their many messes. As a proud citizen of London, I find this situation unacceptable.

In summary, the recent occupants of rental properties neighbouring our own have:

- thrown numerous, loud parties, often into the early morning hours,
- frequently been yelling, screaming, and swearing (sometimes at neighbours) well into the night,
- partied, and consumed alcohol – on more than one occasion – while on the roof of their dwelling,
- often park cars and trucks on lawns,
- trespassed while intoxicated on private property,
- left the properties they occupy in a state of disrepair,
- strewn garbage (including rotting food and broken glass) about the neighbourhood.

Unfortunately such behaviour continues despite numerous complaints to landlords, police, and by-law enforcement. We see the proposed revisions to the by-law as an opportunity for the City of London to provide its officials with the tools they need to curb this behaviour more effectively. More importantly, we feel the revisions send a message to all of London's citizens: that this city is a place where diverse groups of neighbours can live together in mutual respect to the benefit of all.

Respectfully,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Geoff Wild' and the signature on the right is 'June Kasperski Wild'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Nancy Branscombe