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Hello,

My name is Stephen Parker and I'm a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

Unfortunately my previous email didn't make it to you and I'm having an issue finding my initial response to the new transition houses 310 Division.

I have been working at [REDACTED] for almost 17 yrs, and during my time there, the transition house has evolved. Initially someone wouldn't know that it was there unless they looked for it. Over the years as the transition house changed dramatically. The people around it, the language used, the volume of people talking/yelling and the smell of drugs were noticed at our previous location to the point that patients would complain about it. Even to the point of public urination in full view of patients and staff in our back entrance for patients.

We have since moved across the street to increase the office space and eliminate crossing division street for our patients. We also were hoping we were distancing ourselves from some of the issues presented at the previous building.

Unfortunately they have increased with more people there.

Over the past couple of years, we have noticed a drastic change within the downtown core, specifically our property/parking lot. Multiple overdoses, attempted vehicle breakins, patients being confronted, etc. are occurring to the point that patients don't feel comfortable and won't be coming back to the office. This has increased since the issues that occurred recently at the church. 310 will have a very direct impact on our office and our livelihood. I know that services are needed for individuals in saying that we don't need to help them nor shouldn't. We are a healthcare facility and we are doing our professions to help people. It's just that the ones we are trying to help won't come here due to the surrounding issues which will only increase with 310 Division.

Stephen Parker

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