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To The Councillors of the Town of Cobourg and Northumberland County,

My name is Warren Smith. I am a Cobourg resident and have worked as a [REDACTED] in the community for the past 15 years as an employee of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Cobourg.

I am writing to echo the concerns of [REDACTED], Dr. Hillary Allen and Mr. Jeff Crowley and all of the residential and commercial residents in the immediate vicinity of the recently approved low barrier shelter at 310 Division Street. I have been a front-row witness to the impact the current Transition House has had on the Chapel and Division neighbourhood since it became a low barrier shelter. I have been a victim of property crime at my workplace and felt concern for the safety of my patients who enter and leave our facility, often after dark. I am concerned that these issues have not been addressed and resolved sufficiently prior to the approval of the new, larger, low-barrier shelter at 310.

I am aware that the Town of Whitby has recently opened a similar facility. I understand that the Region has entered a legally-binding agreement to ensure the proper management of the facility and provide some assurance to the local residents and businesses that their safety and ability to live and run a business is a priority. The Region did not have to enter this agreement but did as a matter of good governance. I believe that Northumberland

County needs to take a close look at this agreement and the precedent set by our neighbours in Whitby. To open a low-barrier shelter in our downtown core without the proper safety and maintenance guidelines in place seems completely irresponsible. I ask that the councillors take this matter seriously to ensure the proper measures are in place prior to opening 310 Division Street.

I would be happy to discuss this further with any Councillor who wishes further perspective from a resident who has lived in the downtown core for the past 15 years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Warren Smith