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To whom it may concern:

I am writing against the demolition of the contributing home at 1510 Pease Road (GF 22-017172). In my short time living a street over, I have noticed the Historic Landmark Commission approve too many demolitions of contributing structures in this area. At this rate, there be little left that defines this historic district! You can stop the bleeding now by denying some permits.

Construction—especially the construction at 1601 Woodlawn and 1602 Pease—has made my life an absolute living hell. I have recorded jackhammering loud enough to violate race track sound limits on my front porch. My whole home shakes whenever they're banging on things or operating heavy machinery. Frankly, I have concerns about the build quality of the home going up next to mine as well as a number of their framing boards are ones I'd have left at Home Depot—but that's another story. Noise starts promptly at 7 AM and continues throughout my work day, which has not just interrupted my ability to work from home. Debris from the construction zone has also fallen onto my yard numerous times as well.

Does that sound like life in a peaceful historic district to you? One where I can't bear to live in my own home based on the jackhammering nextdoor? Or where I'm constantly worried about nails in my tires?

Furthermore, it is my understanding that 1510 Pease is a multifamily structure—the likes of which we need more of to meet Austin's housing needs. I have not seen 1510 Pease's specific plans, but demolishing it for a single-family home would be a further slap in the face for a community that is in desperate need of enough housing to meet demand.

Having lived through two such demolitions nearby already, I have also been appalled at the incredible amount of waste that gets sent to the landfill from the demolition of just one home. We have to be more mindful of the environmental impact of these teardowns as well. It is deeply irresponsible to throw that much away without a good reason, particularly from a livable structure.

If the home is repairable or can be renovated, I'm fine with that—make it livable and enjoy! However, I firmly believe that this demolition permit should be denied. Stop making the lives of the neighbors in this historic district a living hell by recklessly approving every demo permit that gets sent to your commission.

Sincerely,
Stef Schrader
1515-B Woodlawn Blvd.

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