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Members of the Town of Belmont Planning Board  
19 Moore Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Belmont, MA 02478

**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Home Expansion at 50 Hillside Terrace

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing as an indirect abutter and concerned neighbor regarding the proposed home remodel and expansion at 50 Hillside Terrace. I respectfully urge the Board to deny or reconsider approval of this application as currently proposed.

Based on the materials submitted, the applicant seeks to expand the existing residence by approximately 135%, which significantly exceeds the 30% expansion limit permitted under the applicable zoning code. This represents a substantial deviation from established regulations intended to preserve the scale, character, and density of our neighborhood.

Allowing such an outsized expansion would set an undesirable precedent, undermining both the intent of the zoning bylaws and the expectations of nearby homeowners who have relied on those regulations to maintain the neighborhood's integrity. The proposed increase in size would likely affect privacy, light, and character for adjacent properties, and could alter the overall visual balance of the street.

While I understand and support reasonable property improvements, this proposal far exceeds what is permissible and appropriate for our neighborhood. **I respectfully request that the Planning Board enforce the zoning limits as written and deny the current application or require that the project be scaled back to comply with the 30% expansion cap.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued efforts to preserve the character and fairness of our community's development process.

Sincerely,

Catherine J.E. Meyer