

Hingham Historic Districts Commission  
210 Central Street  
Hingham, MA 02043

September 17, 2025

**Re: Opposition to Proposed Redevelopment of 709 Main Street, Hingham, MA**

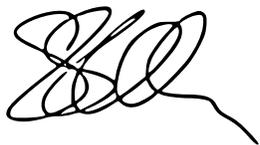
We are writing to formally oppose the proposed redevelopment of 709 Main Street.

Although the proposed design attempts to echo elements of the existing house, the substantial extension at the rear overwhelms the original structure and disregards the historic vernacular of the Glad Tiding Plain. The resulting three-family scale is wholly inconsistent with the traditions and proportions of Main Street and transforms a rare 18th-century home into upmarket condominiums, utterly out of place in this context.

We have long appreciated the Commission's work in preserving the historic integrity of Hingham and respectfully urge you to weigh the long-term implications of this project. Approving a plan that so drastically and unnecessarily alters a historic home would set a precedent that invites a wave of out-of-town developers to chip away at the historic fabric of our community.

Using Crow Point as a case study, where massive gambrel-roofed McMansions now encroach into setbacks on tiny lots and have completely changed the tone of the neighborhood, we implore you to exercise sound stewardship and prevent such a disaster on Main Street.

Sincerely,



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