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Hello,

We are writing to you in your role as the staff lead on the Waterfront Hotel Planning Study, to express my concern and to offer potential solutions to this concern. Our email is concise as we understand that you have received a significant level of interest in the study and have many suggestions to review.

We are most concerned with the potential congestion of both people and automobile traffic on Elizabeth Street where, to the east, all residents (151 residential units + 6 commercial units) and hotel guests (Pearle Hotel) of the Bridgewater complex enter one parking garage at the bottom of the street near the traffic circle. Traffic is already at a high level now that the hotel is in full operation and the condominium is almost fully occupied with wait times growing at the lights to turn onto Lakeshore Road in either direction. The current drawings show only one entrance/exit onto Elizabeth Street for the new complex, which has a significantly more units than the Bridgewater complex.

In order to address this concern, may we suggest the following solution recognizing that others have offered suggestions to do the complete opposite. Here are the three adjustments that I propose:

- Move the buildings further west, reduce the space between buildings and add space to the east. This will provide a sight line to Lake Ontario from Elizabeth Street where we also have condos and people living. The viewing space from John Street to Lake Ontario is too large.
- Add another entrance to the development on either Brant Street or Lakeshore Road to ensure the sole access to the residences, commercial and hotel is not just from Elizabeth Street to avoid congestion and overburdening a small street.
- During construction, the development's staging location should be to the west away from Elizabeth Street, construction vehicles to be prohibited on Elizabeth Street and 8-10 foot solid hoarding fence to surround construction buildings to maintain cleanliness standards of the Pearle Hotel and Bridgewater Residences.

Thank you for considering our proposed solution to the concern.

Mira & Ragai Louis Bridgewater Residence