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Please enter this email message into the official record for the August 14, 2024 St. Paul City Council Public Hearing for Agenda Item 29, RES PH 24-193, Request from FBDN Ventures for a Sound Level Variance on September 21, 2024 at Allianz Field.

I oppose granting this variance as currently requested. There was a similar concert at this location in June, and the sound generated over two nights of performances was clearly audible from a mile and more away. Sound from such an event should not be audible more than a short distance from the venue. Every time there is any event, whether inside or outside the stadium, the noise is intrusive. We enjoy relaxing in our back yard in the evenings when the weather is nice, and the noise from Allianz Field interferes with our enjoyment of our yard. We understand that we live in an urban area and expect some noise, but we should not be subjected to several hours of loud music and noise that clearly exceeds the noise limits established by ordinance in the City of St. Paul.

In addition to initial noise level testing near the venue, the enforcement folks need to go out into the neighborhoods and measure what we are hearing. Promoters of events need to install sound baffles to keep the noise at their site and not inflict it on the rest of us. Even better, concerts in the parking lots should be prohibited and such events should be held inside the stadium. Since they don't pay property taxes, they should be able to afford platforms to protect the grass on the pitch from damage during concerts. They should also be able to put a roof on the thing to keep their noise inside.

That stadium has been a nuisance ever since it was built. It causes traffic problems, intrusive noise, and clogs our streets with cars and the late night noise from fans returning to the cars after events. Now we will be subjected to endless concerts that disturb our peace and our right to enjoy our property in peace. It is time to review all the activities there and implement more effective controls to reduce the intrusiveness to our neighborhood.

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