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My name is Faith Durham. I've lived for 34 years at my house on 211 SW. 9th St. and I am directly across the street from the halfway home, 242 SW 9 St. I bought this house because it is a quiet and friendly residential neighborhood. I've had my children grow up in this neighborhood and now all seven of my grandchildren come here to play and spend the nights three or four days a week. It is no longer a quiet residential street because of all the police cars, ambulances, constant cars dropping off people, parking all over the grass and yelling and swearing when they get kicked out. On January 17, 2021, my 10-year-old grandson was here in the evening when the police and ambulance came and he was very scared.

Now we find out this house which is one of two in the entire Broward County that has the priority population designation of Department of Corrections, court order, and jail diversion according to a federal Bureau of prisons report. The recidivism rate, especially for persons dependent on opiates, is as high as 69.5% which increases the possibility of various crimes in our neighborhood. This is a great safety concern to us. The owners of this home are requesting a special exemption at the cost of the safety and well-being of our family and others in the neighborhood. I shouldn't have to be afraid to play in my front yard with my grandchildren. I am entitled to my unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I believe every man was created equal so why do they have more rights than I.

This halfway home is the fourth house down from the elementary school. A lot of children and parents go up and down the sidewalk each morning and afternoon. There is even a crossing guard at the end of our street, ninth street and the Main Rd., Cypress Road. Each morning and afternoon the crossing guard is there because of the amount of children who use that sidewalk. What happens when a resident of the home has a break in their sobriety and encounters one of these children? Who will be responsible if something happens to them? I don't believe anyone can give us a guarantee that any of these children will be safe.

As a retired coastal letter carrier of 32 years, I have been planning to sell and move to North Carolina near my sister. I believe the houses on ninth Street will go down in value compared to the rest of Lyons Park because who will buy my house knowing a house full of convicted felons and recovering drug addicts live across the street with incidences of police, ambulances and violence.

Would you want to live across the street from all of this? I ask you personally as a mother, grandmother, and resident of Pompano Beach so please consider not granting the special exemption. Thank you so much.

Faith Durham
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My neighbors and I are doing a zoom call with you on Thursday, January 28 after 5 PM

Sent from my iPhone