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For the record

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From: Kjerstin Gruys <kjerstingruys@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:05 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
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Dear Town Council,

We are the Ackermann + Gruys family at 21 Canyon Road. We are relatively new to the Ross community, having moved here in April 2023. We write today in support of the proposed project at 65 Wellington Avenue. Although we do not live in the Winship Park neighborhood, we share property lines with and socialize with many of the residents, who are - like us - parents of young children. We drive and/or bike in and out of Winship multiple times each week with our kids and we are very familiar with the ongoing and future construction within the neighborhood.

We have enthusiastic support for the project at 65 Wellington Avenue, and were, quite frankly, shocked that the Pott's proposed design could garner such vitriol from their neighbors. We think the project is consistent with and augments the current home and neighborhood design, and we hope the council takes a measured and unbiased approach in their proceedings tonight.

Much like the Potts family, we are a couple with young children (2.5 and 5), who moved to Ross after falling in love with both the town AND with an aging home in need of updates. Buying a brand new home in Ross is almost unheard of, and most new residents – the present and future of the Ross community – imagine a long future in this town, but in homes that can be updated to accommodate modern family life. Please do not penalize families with young children to accommodate residents who are resistant to necessary growth and maintenance.

Sincerely,
Kjerstin Gruys & Michael Ackermann

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Please note that I do not expect a reply from you on evenings or weekends!