Dear _____,

I am writing to comment on the elimination of 110 units of affordable senior housing at the Norse Home - a long established home that provided independent and assisted living. It has been the bastion for those who cannot afford the elite housing that is currently being built in Seattle.

Given that affordable senior housing is a crisis throughout Seattle and the Puget Sound region, I find it incomprehensible that the City of Seattle would permit such a move. **We need to save Norse Home!**

In September of 2024 (only 3 years after signing an “affiliation agreement” with the Norse Home Board) Transforming Age, a non-profit retirement home conglomerate, announced that it would be closing the 68 year old Norse Home for “renovation”. All 86 residents (including many in their 90s and some over 100 years old) needed to move out by June 30, 2025. Of the 86 residents, 30 were assisted and 10 on medicaid. It was a struggle, particularly for those on medicaid, to find other housing options. It was devastating for residents and their families as they had been assured the home would always be there for them when they had spent down their last resources.

The “renovation” that Transforming Age planned was revealed within weeks of the closure meeting. The site plan reveals a repurpose of Norse Home! The plan is to convert the building into 32 luxury apartments for independent seniors only and with a half million dollar buy-in!

How did this happen? Losing 110 affordable apartments for seniors to luxury apartments for the rich. How is this fair? It is time to take action, look into the matter, and return Norse Home to its original purpose!

We need your help! We ask that you weigh in on the Norse Home situation immediately.

Thank you,

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