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I oppose Bill No. 23-0371. Notre Dame of Maryland University brought the land from the Knights of Columbus and said it was to be used for excess parking. Notre Dame turned around and leased it to Brightwood. Notre Dame did not notify St. Mary's even though the plans showed Brightwood's facility right up against the cemetery. I found out about it thru Homeland HOA in August 2020. St. Mary's has a 15 foot right away. By May 2021, Notre Dame convinced the pastor of St. Mary's to give up the right away and Notre Dame is building new roads in the cemetery. I disagree with this. Parishioners were not notified. My husband is buried there and my plot is next to his. My daughter is extremely upset about this. Roads in the cemetery require tree removals. Most of this activity is in the older part of the cemetery and there are a lot of important people buried there. They are going to destroy a lot of trees building Brightwood's facility. Notre Dame is going to replace some trees but it take a long time to counteract the lost oxygen. 201 Homeland Avenue should be kept as a parking lot as originally stated. I know the building is old, I was the last class to graduate in 1952, and part of building was over 100 years old. It could get a Historical designation. St. Mary's should get there right away back and no new roads in the cemetery. I am a graduate of Notre Dame and am ashamed of how they acted.

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