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To whom it may concern,
I am a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, specializing in emergency newborn care that includes transport of these complicated, high acuity, critically ill infants. My job involves helicopter, airplane and ambulance transport of medically fragile infants. My greatest concern regarding the proposed development of an arena in such close proximity to the hospital is that is would prevent the ambulances/personal cars transporting patients from reaching the hospital in a timely matter, potentially creating life threatening situations for a mother or child that is in urgent need of medical care. The importance of this cannot be understated.

I have personally witnessed the traffic jams from an afternoon game getting out from SF Giants Stadium, which is actually further away than the proposed stadium would be. I was outside the UCSF Benioff CHildrens Hospital after a day of work at approximately 430 pm, waiting for muni. There was complete gridlock, no T train was able to easily move and people in their independent cars were stuck, people were acting aggressively, honking, yelling, and actually driving up on the designated muni sectioned off train path to break out of the gridlock. UCSF Shuttle buses downloaded their passengers to get on the T train towards downtown since they were unable to move for at least 30 minutes. Although I was frustrated to not to be able to get home from work, I was feeling relieved that I wasn't in the back of an ambulance providing life sustaining care to a child that needed further care that I cannot provide in the back of an ambulance. To say that we have a helipad, transports will fly in, is an inaccurate statement. Contact our transport team and you will see that the majority of our tranports are ambulance based, some from even here within our own city. Children often need life sustaining treatments that only UCSF can provide, such as ECMO. In fact, there are limitations on the number of helicopter landings we can do per month per the community board. I remember also thinking, I hope there is not a laboring mother in any of these cars, because I certainly wouldn't want to be in her shoes. Now what if there was an event at this new proposed arena and an event at Giants stadium? It is already so bad as it is! Not to mention there was not one security or police presence in the entire area near UCSF. It is literally an accident and lawsuit waiting to happen!

I am from NY City, I realize change happens, areas get rejuvenated! There needs to be thorough and realistic approach to any considerations of any further developments. Quite frankly, lives are at stake. The area already has enough congestion and lack of insightfulness around how to alleviate the already cramped roadways in the Mision Bay area. The impact of such a large stadium in this hospital area would be multifold. I am writing this letter in hopes for more to gain insight into actually what we are doing here everyday at UCSF, this isn't about money, getting stuck in traffic on the way to /from work, this is about providing efficient, reliable, state of the art healthcare. The city of SF needs to reevaluate what its primary goals are and be thoughtful about how major decisions such as an arena could single handedly increase the mortality and morbidity of its citizens. Is this really worth it?

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions
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