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In light of the recent terrorist attacks, we have taken additional precautions to secure our site through the use of concrete barriers, increased security guards, and increased surveillance measures. However, the proximity of a high-rise apartment building so close to our building with a shared driveway, introduces a new level of security risk that cannot be easily mitigated. Furthermore, the OWFN building stands at the highest point in Montgomery County, and, at over 200 feet, is one of the tallest structures in the County which further exacerbates the security risk.

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