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Hello Room Tax Commissioners,

I was displeased to learn of the dramatic budget cuts that have already been made along with the redeployment of Monona Terrace staff to other City agencies along with the Workshare participation. I am a Madison based event planner who plans on returning to MT as soon as safely possible. I know MT is looking out for the safety of my staff and attendees, but they need the resources to do so. Please fund MT at the current levels, adjusted for the room tax shortfall. In these difficult financial times, this is the most equitable solution when there are so many financial hardships for all.

Adequately funding MT's future is a necessary investment in our local economy and our community and I truly hope you will continue to fund this Madison icon at the current levels adjusted for the room tax shortfall so that it can continue to be a place where I want to host my events, continue to be a place where tourists naturally want to come to visit and a place where the community gathers.

Thank you,  
-Lezlie

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