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Too often we don't understand what we have until it's gone.

Please, preserve the unique nature of State Street and its wonderful, historic architecture. The 100 block makes a quaint, memorable entrance to a decidedly Madison landmark.

I love looking up stories for my kids about the Madison neighborhood where we live--how the circus used to camp on their schoolgrounds, and ice harvested from Lake Monona until it turned pink from beet juice. Buildings are living stories and make the past real.

Let the brick and mortar continue to speak.

Sincerely,  
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"The cure for boredom is a curious mind.  
There is no cure for a curious mind."

Dorothy Parker