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City of Madison Plan Commission
c/o Planning Division
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Re: Public Comment – Demolition of 5534 Medical Circle (Legistar file 91459)

Dear Members of the Plan Commission,

My name is Tim Erdman. I am the son of Marshall Erdman, the architect and developer whose work has been referenced in discussions about the buildings along Medical Circle. I also own the adjacent building at 5520 Medical Circle.

I am writing to provide context about these structures. While my father was involved in designing and constructing several buildings in this area, including 5534 Medical Circle and the adjacent buildings to the east, I do not believe they represent historically significant examples of his work, nor was their preservation ever an intended objective. They were practical commercial structures designed to serve medical office users of that era — not landmark architectural statements.

I would also note that my own building at 5520 Medical Circle has similarly reached the end of its useful life. Like the other structures along this stretch, it no longer easily accommodates modern medical or commercial users without significant reinvestment.

My understanding is that Anna Andrzejewski's comments at the February Landmarks Commission meeting were intended to be informational only, not to result in the formation of a historic district along Medical Circle.

For these reasons, I do not believe 5534 Medical Circle or the adjacent buildings should be treated as a historic resource, and I support allowing the proposed demolition and redevelopment to proceed through the City's normal review process.

I also wanted to mention that I have been in conversations with Bear Development about finding a way to honor my father's legacy as part of the newly proposed project. We have discussed creating an archive or exhibit in the lobby of the new building that commemorates his work and his connection to this area, and both parties are committed to making something like this happen. I think it would be a fitting way to acknowledge the history of the site while embracing its future, and it is something I look forward to seeing come together as the project moves forward.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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