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Subject: Re: Agenda Item #1: 5646 Lake Mendota Drive

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Zoning Board of Appeals

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in favor of granting the zoning variance to 5646 Lake Mendota Drive. I believe the property owners, Neil and Tanya, are an asset to this community and are committed to being good neighbors and citizens. Neil is the first person I met when I moved here in 1965 and, like a number of neighborhood "kids", he has returned to roost in Spring Harbor where he and Tanya raised their son. I mention this for two reasons, first to point out that they are not "flippers" but long time residents with a stake in the neighborhood. Second, to try to drive home that these are not faceless, soulless monsters but real people who, like the rest of us, are just trying to live their lives. They did not create this situation. This house stood in the same location before it was annexed to Madison. Seven wonderful boys were raised in this house before Neil and Tanya bought it and countless games of ditch were played on these stretches of inanimate dirt. Like many in the area, I have walked the fire lanes in this neighborhood for most of my life and do not feel the proximity of this house to the fire lane impedes my ability to walk down and peer through the shrubbery at the lake. I am saddened that the people who are fortunate enough to live next to these lanes are judged so coldly.

In looking at the proposal I see only an improvement to the neighborhood, not an infringement on my right to walk down and enjoy gander at Lake Mendota.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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