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City of Madison Planning Commission 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 201 Madison, WI 53703

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed walkway leading from the 2600 block of Monroe Street to Wingra Park.

In 1968 I purchased the land and built a 32-unit condominium located at 2602-2606 Arbor Drive. The driveway servicing our 32-unit building is 17.5 feet wide and runs from Arbor Drive 100 feet toward Monroe Street.

The proposed walkway in my opinion is unnecessary because people have access to Wingra Park by walking along Knickerbocker Street which has a sidewalk, and they have the safety of crossing Monroe Street at the Knickerbocker and Monroe Street intersection.

People wanting to access Wingra Park have another safe alternative at the intersection of Commonwealth and Monroe Street.

My greatest concern is the safety of children going to the park by the way of Monroe Street and the proposed walkway. Obviously, some of the children will be riding bikes or skate boarding in an area where cars are moving in and out; and the children will only have access to the park by crossing Arbor Drive in the middle of the block.

Madison Gas & Electric installed a transformer in the proposed walkway. This will require anyone walking, biking, or skateboarding to turn onto my driveway in order to avoid the transformer. There is no question that this presents a safety problem and could result in some very serious injuries.

The very fact that people already have access to the park by way of two safe intersections makes this walkway unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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