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Dear M. Rummel, C. Backmann, R. Phillips, and M. Hacker:

As a resident and home owner at 1022 Jenifer Street, I ask that all involved parties strongly support the non-removal of ANY healthy, non-EAB trees. I ask you to support and facilitate the burial of power and communication lines while the opportunity to do so exists during the pending spring construction on Jenifer Street. It makes more sense to finally bury the lines so that future trees can grow unencumbered. In the long-run it is more costly and destructive to continue a policy to trim and fell our city's beautifying shade trees instead of burying the lines. Trimming large trees that line the streets below power lines in a "Y-fashion" is unsightly, unnatural, and weakens the trees. This makes them vulnerable to pests and strong winds. Maintaining the lines overhead is also much more dangerous to technicians when the power lines are broken by downed limbs and whole trees due to thunderstorms and heavy snows.

Again, burying the lines will make our city more beautiful, more safe, less expensive to maintain, and begin another smart Madison precedent, akin to years ago digging up lead water mains and supply lines and replacing them with non-toxic alternatives.

Thank you for your earnest consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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