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Dear Stuart Levitan.

I'm writing to express an opinion on the Schubert building question.

I'm a long-term resident of Madison. I'm opposed to seeing this building torn down. I value it's appearance and style. At the head of State St, facing the Capitol, it generates a unique "feel" that I appreciate. I notice it pretty much every day.

I saw a quote in the Isthmus from Henry Doane: "This project is the wrong kind of urban renewal. It's an attempt to sterilize an urban environment." Have to say that I agree with that quote.

My uncle lives in Auburn NY. For several years, he regaled me with stories of how widely Pleasant Rowland was hated in Aurora NY, because of her heavy-handed and aesthetically-blind attempt to recreate this beautiful, historic town in her desired (sterilized) image. Just because someone has a ton of money and consider themselves a community-minded philanthropist shouldn't provide them with license to gut what others value.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gelembiuk