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To: Stoiber, Jennifer
Subject: Comment for the Community Services Committee

Dear Members of the Community Services Committee,

Thank you so much for all of your thoughtful and thorough deliberations over the past weeks. We are grateful for the consideration and respect you have shown our programs in your discussions and in your recommendations. Of course, like everyone else, we'd have preferred increases and no cuts, but we respect the decisions you've made.

At this point in the process we remain concerned about the categorization of our night-time YW Transit services. I think we all agree – City Staff, Committee Members and the YWCA - that these services fit better in Access than they do in DVSA. In order to avoid some of the problems the mis-categorization has caused during this funding cycle and the previous one, we would like to request that you combine the night and day YW Transit services into a unified program now and move the YW Transit program, with all of the recommended funding, into the Access to Resources area. We hope that by transferring the night-time services and funding into the Access category, the program will continued to have a sustainable funding stream in the future. This would remain in line with the YWCA operating this service at the request of the City.

We also request that if additional funds should become available before the end of the funding process, you would consider restoring funding to this program at the 2012 level, keeping in mind that these funds leverage a three-to-one match.

We thank you again for your time and attention this evening, and for your service to the City of Madison and its residents.

Sincerely,



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