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Dear Madison Common Council Alders,

Bear Development, which is constructing the Intersect Apartments on the east side of Madison, is seeking approval from the Madison Common Council on March 10 for a land use merger for their project. The Wisconsin Responsible Contracting Coalition's sole purpose is to shine a light on bad faith actors and the practices contractors use on job sites across Wisconsin that exploit workers, and we are deeply concerned about the dangerous and demeaning working conditions at the job site of the Intersect Apartments.

Bear Development has a track record of exploiting and harming workers, and unfortunately, this has been no different in the construction of the Intersect Apartments. Bear Development is exploiting workers and cutting corners to improve its bottom line. We have heard stories directly from hard-working Wisconsinites who have experienced wage theft of at least \$75,000 on this project. Bear Development is also placing vulnerable workers at risk. In one instance, a worker lost his vision on the job. These are just two of the reported stories. To make matters worse, Bear Development does not have worker's compensation.

In Wisconsin, we believe in the dignity of work and respecting workers. Bear Development does not share these values – they are clearly only focused on their own profits, no matter the cost to workers.

As representatives of the Madison community, you have an opportunity on March 10 to ask Bear Development about these incidents and hold them accountable to the workers in our community. These jarring stories from workers is proof that this project deserves further investigation, and the hearing on March 10 is an opportunity to do that.

We urge you to listen to the workers. This isn't just a labor issue; this is a human rights issue happening in our community.

Sincerely,

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The Wisconsin Responsible Contracting Coalition