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Alder Paul Skidmore and Alder Larry Palm
Mr. William Bremer and Mr. Michael Rewey
Ms. Laura Hewitt and Mr. Douglas Duren
Mr. Russell Pietz and Mr. Scott Vaughn
Mr. Lucas Dailey
Board of Public Works
City of Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works:

University Research Park supports the City infrastructure special assessments proposed to address current and future traffic demands and accommodate the development of University Research Park 2. This significant joint investment of the City of Madison and the Park will ensure Madison continues, for decades to come, to support the commercialization of university research and the creation of science and technology companies and employment.

University Research Park currently houses over 100 companies and almost 4,000 employees with salaries at twice the state average. University Research Park 2, with a denser urban design, can accommodate 200 companies and 8,000 or more companies. The current Park, with an assessed value of \$183 million, contributes \$3.7 million a year in property taxes.

I appreciate the support and assistance of Planning Division Director Brad Murphy and City Engineer Rob Phillips and their staff in the planning and engineering of this complex project. The City staff has been creative, collaborative problem solvers in one of the most significant economic development initiatives in the history of the City of Madison.

Sincerely,



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