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To: Martin, Al
Subject: Block 100 Foundation proposal

Dear Mr. Martin,

I am writing today to express my displeasure with the 100 Block Foundation's current redevelopment proposal. While they have changed the plan to save the Castle & Doyle building, I believe they should also be working to save more than that, especially the Shubert and Stark Realty buildings on W. Mifflin St. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposed plaza/garden space, as I think it's nonsensical to lose important and expensive retail space for the purpose of a garden when there are numerous enjoyable open spaces nearby (James Madison Park, the Capitol grounds, Lisa Link Peace Park, the rooftop garden at the Overture, etc.).

As a recent transplant to Madison and as a young person who hopes to make Madison her life-long home and raise a family here, I would be sorely disappointed if downtown Madison began to lose the very character that attracted me in the first place. If I wanted to live in a city dominated by large, glass buildings, I could have moved to Minneapolis, Chicago, or Manhattan, but instead, I'm here in Madison, and I would like Madison to stay Madison.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hanrahan