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Hello,

My name is Todd Newman and I live with my wife at 1722 Monroe Street, #301, a building owned by Urban Land Interests. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Life Sciences Communication at UW-Madison, and have been living in Madison for nearly 5 years.

Our apartment directly faces 713 Monroe Street, and I was saddened to hear that the property is going to be demolished and re-purposed. While the re-purposing of the property is understandable as it is an old house, my main concern is the destruction of the old and beautiful conifer trees that bring us so much joy and peace. These trees, and our views of them, were one of the main reasons that we moved into the unit that we did. I suspect that others share this concern, and out of concern that others may not speak up, this is why I contacted you.

I therefore ask that the planning commission does whatever it can to ensure that these trees, or at least as many as possible, are left as is to ensure the beauty of Monroe Street.

I would also add that I learned that the Chabad Organization is going to re-purpose that property. As someone who was raised Jewish and follows the Jewish holidays and traditions, this brings me a lot of joy.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and please feel free to get in touch.

Best,  
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