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To: ALRC Members
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Subject: Edgewater Noise

My wife and I cannot attend your hearing on Edgewater noise, but we wanted you to know about a recent experience we had.

In July 2016, we took a 6PM walking tour of Mansion Hill conducted by the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. Our group began at the Plaza Bar and even then we could hear amplified music coming from a northerly direction. Everyone in the group wondered where this loud music was coming from.

When we got to Gilman Street, the noise was so loud that our tour guide had to shout to allow us to hear his commentary. When we got to the corner of North Carroll and Langdon, we determined that this extremely loud noise was coming not from a rogue fraternity, but from the licensed business, the Edgewater Hotel!

A woman from Illinois asked, "Does Madison allow this type of noise in a residential neighborhood?" We were embarrassed to tell her that the City gives the Edgewater Hotel a special license to do this. She shook her head in disbelief.

In fact, the Edgewater Hotel is a tiny island of commercial zoning surrounded by a residential neighborhood. To allow the Hotel to inflict such noise on the surrounding neighborhood is egregiously inconsiderate and a gross violation of civil behavior. Therefore, we strongly urge the ALRC to stop the Edgewater Hotel from continuing this awful amplified noise nuisance.