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From: Nancy Wrenn Bauch [mailto:nwbauch@ywcamadison.org]
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Dear Community Services Committee;

Thank you for the thoughtfulness and effort you put into considering the needs in our community especially during these very difficult budget times.

We would like to urge the committee to use the process that has been previously put in place in making your recommendations for this year. Changing it at this time creates more uncertainty for agencies trying to evaluate their funding and needs.

The YWCA Third Street program, which falls in program area II, is a good and vital program that provides safe affordable housing and support services to single parents with young children who are transitioning to independence and/or overcoming homelessness or domestic violence. It is an early intervention and prevention program which gives young families, who have no other housing options, few resources and many other barriers a nurturing, safe and stable starting place. Moms are supported in pursuing their goals and parenting their children. Moms and children thrive in the program.

The YWCA Children's Program, Program Area I, provides developmentally appropriate social and recreational programming for at risk children who are homeless and are staying in the YWCA shelter. The program also gives parents a break so that they can focus on the tasks of finding permanent housing. The City funding is essential to providing this program.

Thank you,

Nancy Wrenn Bauch
Third Street Coordinator

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