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Commission Members,

I received a correspondence from the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation regarding a proposal to demolish three historic buildings in the Langdon St. area. I saw the pictures of these buildings and visited the site. I am very surprised that a development proposal would include the demolition of these buildings. I am certainly supportive of downtown development as I have completed a few developments over the past several years, however I have always been careful to develop sites that will add to the character of the city and not subtract from the charm the downtown has to offer. The city should try to encourage rehabilitation of these type of properties. I would think that approval of this kind of demolition would only set a precedent that would encourage further dilapidation of historic buildings which are irreplaceable.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Lewis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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