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February 27, 2005

City of Madison
Office of the Common Council
City-County Building, Room 417
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Bd
Madison WI 53703-3445

Re: Capital Avenue Sidewalk Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a long-time resident of the area, I am in strong support of sidewalks along Capital Avenue between Old Middleton Road and University Avenue.

In bad weather and while there is snow and ice on the ground, we cannot walk on the City Easement nor in the gutters. Walking on the street not only causes a safety issue, especially when we have to weave around cars, but it is also most uncomfortable to do so, especially on the even side of the road. The reason for it is that the pavement drops off at a steep angle towards the gutters. Even in solid walking boots it is a problem. Much worse yet for a person who pushes a stroller, uses a wheelchair or for a young bicyclist.

To protect us all and to make Capital Avenue accessible and safe for everybody, we would greatly appreciate it if those sidewalks could be built without further delay.

Respectfully yours

Willy Straubhaar 5802 Julia Street Madison WI 53705

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a resident in the immediate vicinity of Capital Avenue, I am in strong support of sidewalks on Capital Avenue for the simple reason that our neighbors will no longer be forced to use <u>our</u> sidewalks to comfortably walk their pets and that their children can safely play in front of their homes instead of on our street only.

Your thoughtful consideration of the pros and cons of this project will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,