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Hello. I am writing to express my concerns about the Block 100 Foundation's proposal for the 100 block of State and Fairchild Streets. I appreciate the generosity represented by this proposal as well as by the gift of the Overture Center, and recognize that it is appropriate to want to improve the view from the Overture Center. But I think the alternative offered by the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation is better. Renovate, restore and improve what's already there. What a generous gift that would be! Plus that approach would save landfill space and make that block an elegant, vibrant cityscape. For instance, the Vallender Building, when stripped of its awful paint job, with its windows restored and the muddled State St fronts removed, and with the Fairchild side remodeled to look like the State Street side would be wonderful. No modern building, even if built to resemble the old, could match that. And the Stark building could be lovely too with appropriate windows, for instance. I like the idea of a rooftop garden there. Restoration to me is the appropriate route.

Thank you for your consideration.

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