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To: City of Madison Landmarks Commission

Re: Kathryn Clarenbach Family Residence (2229 Eton Ridge) landmark nomination
Landmarks Commission Meeting December 4, 2023 (Item 2), Legistar File No. 80422

Dear Commissioners,

Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 41.07, MGO, the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation nominates the Kathryn Clarenbach Family Residence at 2229 Eton Ridge for designation as a Madison Landmark.

As summarized in the nomination itself, Kathryn Clarenbach was a key figure in the second wave of feminism, organizing the first and only National Women's Conference which was attended by 20,000 in Houston, Texas, and serving as the first chairperson of the National Organization of Women (NOW). Clarenbach organized and, for 15 years, chaired the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women (Wisconsin) and led Wisconsin legislative efforts relating to sexual assault, divorce and marital property.

The Kathryn Clarenbach Family Residence is already a contributing building in the National Register West Lawn Heights Historic District. It was constructed in 1924 and the current nomination identifies a period of significance from 1960 to 1994. This structure figured prominently in Madison's "Underrepresented Communities Historic Resource Survey Report" (2020) and satisfies the landmark designation criteria set forth in Sec. 41.07(2)(a) and (b) because it is "associated with broad patterns of cultural, political, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community" and is "associated with the lives of important persons, and/or with important events in national, state, or local history."

The nomination was carefully prepared by Gary Tipler at the behest of the Madison Trust and is strongly supported by the Madison Trust.

Sincerely,

Rick Chandler

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President, Madison Trust for Historic Preservation

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