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Hello UW Madison Board of Regents and Other Decision Makers,

I am writing to you as a parent of a current Track & Field Athlete at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

I am concerned that you were misled and not given factual information about the Shell and what it truly was used for prior to its demolition. In the pdf below, it appears as though it was either intentionally left out or it was downplayed that this was the indoor training home of the Badger Cross Country/Track & Field Teams, not just a recreational facility. There was more emphasis on the football portion of this facility, and just a small section of the explanation in the meeting notes expresses the need for upgraded facilities for The Shell. There was, and continues to be, little to no collaboration with Cross Country/Track & Field on the needs of their teams. The proposal for this redevelopment project included wording where CC/T&F would have a facility. A 3-lane recreational running path above a football field is NOT an indoor facility, and to be honest, it looks more like a walkway for the football team to put their cameras for practice.

[https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2024_meeting_materials/Meeting-Book---Capital-Planning-&Budget-Committee-\(February-8,-2024\).pdf](https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/download/meeting_materials/2024_meeting_materials/Meeting-Book---Capital-Planning-&Budget-Committee-(February-8,-2024).pdf)

To add insult to injury, when The Shell was torn down in August, it took away a training facility during CC season and right before Indoor T&F season. The administration did nothing to find a place for the teams to train indoors this winter while they are IN season, and as I write this, they still have not figured it out yet. While I fully understand that

Football is the top revenue driving sport, this type of treatment is unacceptable and disrespectful to a championship program. They have known for years that this was happening, so there is no excuse as to how this large of a ball was dropped for the CC/T&F programs. It would never happen to Football. The McClain Center was not torn down yet as they are staggering it so they will never have to go without a place to train indoors. The same consideration should have been given to CC/T&F, especially since one of their seasons is during the winter months.

These athletes and coaches deserve better. I am sure you are receiving many emails and calls from alumni and supporters, so I am imploring you to reconsider the current plans for the CRSC and either add a full track training facility where all events can be housed or find an alternate location to build them an indoor training facility. Not only has the team been disrespected and almost forgotten during this process, but UW is potentially in danger of being noncompliant with all 3 pillars of Title IX.

Thank you very much for reading this and for using your voices to help resolve this issue. I hope that each one of you digs in and asks the tough questions on whether you were given the full picture.

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