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Commissioner Zellers,

Unfortunately I am double booked tonight. I have an introduction with the Sustainable Madison Committee at 4:30. I'm hopeful to be done by the Plan Commission meeting, but depending on how much follow up discussion happens, I may join after 5:30.

Items #2-4 pertain to the demolition and reconstruction of the Wisconsin Historical Museum. There are 26 total trees that Forestry approved to be removed through the project. The existing planting sites are small, poor quality, and all of the trees with the exception of 1 are stressed and continue to be relatively small stature. The footprint of the building site is very small and so there was a high likelihood the trees would have been impacted even if we had prescribed retention. At the conclusion of construction, suspended terrace systems will be used to improve the planting conditions of the tree sites. This is a circumstance that I believe will be a short-term loss for significant long-term gain. The Museum and their design team are also committed to tree canopy. They are excited to have a bigger and more vibrant canopy around their site in the future. I wanted to be present tonight to answer any questions from the Commission about our decision. Please feel free to reach out before the meeting if you'd like to discuss anything beforehand.

Respectfully,  
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