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Dear Plan Commission.

I am writing to express my support for legislative file 87879. I have read and understand the opposing views expressed in public comments, and I respectfully disagree with those points for the following reasons:

First of all, whether renters choose to live at a particular location should be determined by the market, not government intervention. Simply put, if someone wishes to live there, it's their business and their business only.

Regarding noise concerns: While I agree that conducting a noise study is beneficial, I believe there are other approaches to noise instead of shutting down the project. For instance, windows facing the highways could be designed as non-operable for enhanced soundproofing. Admittedly, this may pose architectural challenges to ensure each unit includes windows and balconies facing away from the highway.

Concerning neighborhood infrastructure and pedestrian access: This area is inherently carcentric, and essential services are accessible within a short drive. Thus, extensive pedestrian infrastructure may not be essential in this context. On a related note, I agree with the suggestion for more parking spots, ideally nearing a 1:1 ratio relative to bedrooms.

I urge the Plan Commission to approve this project at the upcoming meeting scheduled for 6/9. Madison urgently needs increased housing supply—whether supported by tax credits or not—to help reduce rents. Decisions on housing developments should not be unduly influenced by vested interests of homeowners who neither pay rent nor experience renters' challenges. Speaking from my own experience as a renter, these challenges are often much greater than having to live near highways.

Best regards, Alicia Lyu