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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2012 2:13 PM

To: Martin, Al

Subject: opposed to Block 100 Foundation's plan for State St.

Dear Urban Design Commission,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose Block 100 Foundation's proposal to demolish several buildings on the 100 block of State St. I prefer the plan brought forth by the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation to rehabilitate the existing buildings.

Overall, my objections to the Block 100 Foundation proposal are that it would:

- detract from the historic character of State Street
- destroy several lovely, historically valuable landmark buildings
- be more environmentally destructive than rehabilitating the existing buildings
- create fewer jobs than rehabilitating the existing buildings
- insert a new, modern office building facing Fairchild St., that does not harmonize with the existing architecture
- create a private plaza at the corner of Fairchild and Mifflin. Such plazas have been used in many projects, in many cities, and they have proven to be very destructive to the urban areas around them.
- create an area that is welcoming mainly to wealthy people. One of the great attractions of State Street is that it brings together so many kinds of people. Jerry Frautschi and Pleasant Rowland seem to be working to create a bubble just for rich people like them. That bubble does not belong in downtown Madison.

Please do not allow the Block 100 Foundation to demolish the 100 block buildings and landmarks.

Sincerely yours,
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