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**Board of Public Works
City of Madison
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to formally protest the proposed reconstruction of Rugby Row and the special assessment associated with it for the property located at 2300 Rugby Row as outlined in your notice from March 14, 2008. I am opposed to this construction for the following reasons.

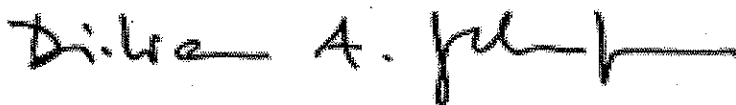
First, the costs for many home owners will be prohibitive in the current economic climate. In my case, the costs for the reconstruction are more than double what I just paid in real estate taxes to the City. These are costs that many homeowners have not budgeted for, and that go hand in hand with a plummeting real estate market, a recession, and higher cost-of-living increases than we have seen in a long time. In other words, right now may be the worst possible time to implement this project.

Second, the financial concerns are exacerbated by the fact that many of the changes will be cosmetic. Replacing drive aprons and curbs, for instance, that are in perfect condition, may seem appropriate during times when the City has excess funds for road construction. But is seems excessive during times when property values are plummeting and many home owners are dealing with necessary repairs to their homes after a long and snowy winter.

As a result, I strongly urge the board to table the proposed project, and instead consider a scenario where the construction is either delayed, or becomes part of a broader reconstruction effort by the City, funded by real estate taxes.

Since I will most likely be unable to attend the public hearing on March 26, 2008, I would greatly appreciate it if you could share this letter with all committee members. Thank you for all your work and for considering these concerns.

Sincerely,



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