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Dear Plan Commission Members,

Re: Item #17 Monroe & Regent Street Hotel Project

I live approximately 6 blocks from this project at 2108 Keyes Avenue. I know Bob, but I am not a friend. My interest in this project is personal and not professional.

I am best known professionally for my design of the Bus Transfer Stations and the remodeling of the Post Office into the Madison Municipal Building across the street.

I believe the proposal before you has qualities that should earn your approval. Not only does the design fit into and enhance this corner property, but it contains compromises that speak to all of the past objections.

No project can be conceived that cannot find one detractor.

If you have questions do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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