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To: Plan Commission Comments

Subject: Support letter for THE BOOK DEAL

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Dear Plan Commission,

I am a longtime resident of Madison, and understand that on May 22 a public hearing will be held in regard to the 3822 Mineral Point Road address as a potential new location for The Book Deal. I am writing in support of that business, and feel that they would be a huge asset to this area of the city.

I have been a longtime customer of The Book Deal at their current location, and have witnessed firsthand what a great operation that they have built. They offer a wide range of quality books, from current fiction to classics, non-fiction to collectible, children's to offbeat cult titles. They fairly price their offerings, and are the friendliest bookstore in town. I have made it a point to stop in at their store at least once a week, and have never been disappointed.

In addition, they support reading literacy programs, often donating books to the city's little lending libraries, and many times give away books to children.

I live in the area of this location (my house is on Stevens Street), and would love to see them added to my community. I don't think you'll find a friendlier, better-run business in all of Madison.

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