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Good Evening,

My name is Emily Hokanson, and I am currently a sophomore at UW-Madison. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed demolition and redevelopment at 619-699 W Mifflin St. As a resident deeply concerned about the future of our city, I want to share my thoughts in this email since I may not be able to attend the upcoming Zoom meeting.

This project, as presented, does not serve the best interests of Madison or its residents, particularly the large population of college students who are already struggling to make ends meet. The planned ten-story, 239-unit apartment building with luxury amenities reflects a troubling trend in our city: prioritizing profit over the needs of the community. The city does not need another high-end apartment complex that will drive up rent prices and displace those who are already burdened by rising costs. What we need is affordable, practical housing that reflects the realities of the people who actually live here.

Additionally, the Wiedenbeck-Dobelin Warehouse, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1986, is a vital piece of our city's history. Tearing it down for yet another upscale development erases Madison's unique character and disregards the importance of preserving our architectural and cultural heritage.

It is disheartening to see Madison increasingly cater to developers and outside interests while neglecting its responsibility to its residents. This project represents a misalignment of priorities, focusing on luxury and profit rather than addressing the urgent need for affordable housing.

I urge the council to reject this proposal and instead champion projects that genuinely benefit Madison's residents, particularly the students and young professionals who are the backbone of this city. We need thoughtful, inclusive development—not more exclusive luxury apartments that exacerbate the housing crisis.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope the council will take a stand for Madison's residents.

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