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Madison Landmarks Commission
Department of Planning and Development
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
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Madison WI 53701 Re: Mansion Hill Construction on 100 Block of W Gilman St

Members of the Landmarks Commission:

It is with great regret that I will be unable to personally attend today's meeting to voice my strong opposition to the proposed construction of new apartment buildings on the 100 block of W. Gilman St.

The plans would dramatically change the character of this block and severely undermine the integrity of the Mansion Hill Historic District. I ask that the Commission take whatever action necessary to halt this entirely inappropriate construction.

I represented this area as an elected official for more than two decades -- on the County Board, City Council and for 18 years as a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly. I lived in and owned the single family home at 123 W. Gilman; it was purchased from then-Alderperson Carol Wuennenberg in the mid-1970s with the understanding it would be maintained as a single family unit, and when I sold it some years later (at a sale price significantly below market value) it was with that same ethical commitment as a condition of its sale.

The issue before you concerning the construction of these massive new apartments would do great damage to our long term efforts to maintain the spirit of the Mansion Hill Historic District. Please disapprove this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Clarenbach