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To: Erica Fox Gehrig; Rummel, Marsha; Scanlon, Amy; David McLean; Stuart Levitan; Jason Fowler; Michael Rosenblum; Christina Slattery; Zellers, Ledell
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Dear Madison Landmarks Commission members,

My name is Will Fellows, author of *A Passion to Preserve: Gay Men as Keepers of Culture* (UW Press, 2004) an exploration of the extraordinary contributions of gay men in historic preservation. I am not a Madison resident but have lived in the city and know it well. I am writing because preservation-minded friends in Madison tell me that the historical integrity of the house at 123 West Gilman is threatened.

I urge the Commission not to approve the relocation or demolition of this structure. Though a modest house, it contributes to the Mansion Hill historic district, it reflects the authentic 'vintage' built environment of the neighborhood, and it has significant association with two individuals who were pioneers in the struggle to achieve civil rights equality for gay and lesbian Wisconsinites.

The gay rights movement is so recent, and so familiar to most of us alive today, it's easy to overlook our responsibility to safeguard the sites and structures associated with it. If we act with care now, future generations won't find themselves lamenting our insensitivity to this important but still often neglected dimension of our history.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Will Fellows
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