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Subject: Please hold 929 E. Washington Avenue

I write to ask that you please do not approve this or any glass-clad building, until Madison adopts strong bird-safe guidelines for them to follow.

Our guidelines should be similar to those used in Toronto. Their pdf file offers a look at the problems and solutions, re glass and lighting.: <https://web.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/8cd7-Bird-Friendly-Development-Guidelines.pdf>

Reference **Who speaks for the birds?** https://madison.com/ct/news/local/neighborhoods/who-speaks-for-the-birds-madisonians-join-movement-to-prevent/article_b938dba3-5b67-58bd-86dc-ebc99655fa3a.html By Lisa Speckhard Pasque | The Capital Times Feb 21, 2019

In that photo, I see a future with dead and wounded migrating birds all over that area, increasing numbers of rats and other scavengers feeding on songbirds.

"Imagine a Scarlet Tanager that left its wintering grounds in Colombia, surviving a flight across the Gulf of Mexico at night, through the southern United States, and nearing its summer home, only to become disoriented by city lights and slamming into a glass building where its journey comes to a tragic end.

Millions of birds are killed every year by colliding with buildings, especially during migration. In fact, studies estimate that between 300 million and one billion birds are killed each year from these collisions, making it one of the top causes of bird deaths."

That's from this Audubon petition to Congress for bird-safe federal buildings, here: https://act.audubon.org/onlineactions/jU5EXIfVL06tcm9b35GpPw2?ms=policy-adv-web-website_nas-article-20181002_bird-friendly_buildings_alert

Bird-safe glass is available. And another wonderful thing, Toronto's lighting guidelines could mean less energy lost to light pollution and more stars in the clear night skies over Madison.

With sincere thanks your consideration,

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