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To: Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee

From: Dr. Jordan Sinz - District Administrator, Wisconsin Heights School District

Re: Dane County Conditional Use Permit Number 2021-02552

This letter is being submitted on behalf of the Wisconsin Heights School District Administrative team to express our concern with the zoning that is being considered for the following properties:

10291/10297 US HWY 14 Mazomanie, WI 53560 C.U.P. Number DCPCUP-2021-02552

While our team appreciates the importance of institutional residential facilities, we do not believe this location is appropriate.

- 1. The proposed location is one mile from what will be a combined pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade school campus as of September of 2022. Our campus at 10173 US HWY 14 presently has all students in grades six through twelve. This proximity is troublesome given the rural nature of the area. We have students and staff who utilize the Wolf Run Trail to come and go from school and for classes and exercise throughout the day. This trail is in even closer proximity to the proposed facility.
- 2. Wolf Road is directly adjacent to the proposed institutional residential facility. We have students who live on this road, and therefore it serves as a bus stop so students can safely load off of H.W.Y. 14. We are concerned with the possibility of traffic coming and going from the facility and potential interaction with our student bussing.
- 3. Dane County Sherriff's Department resources in rural Western Dane County are vital to support the safety of our schools and communities. We fear these resources will be stretched thinner if this site transitions to an institutional residential facility.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call me at 608-767-2595 ext. 1000 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

