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**To: Perry Town Board
Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee**

My name is Gary L Boley, 1400 County Road Z, Blue Mounds, Wi

I am a resident of The Town of Perry and live adjacent to the Hauge Log Church. I am also a past president and member of the Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association.

This is a recognized historic site by Dane County and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The purpose of the Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association is to preserve and protect the Hauge Log Church and site for future generations.

I am presently a commissioner on the the Town of Perry Preservation Commission. The proposal to reestablish the cemetery rested on essentially the desire of some members to have relatives or themselves be buried at the Hauge Church and the premise that this would be a means to raise funds to maintain the historic site.

Arguments can be made about the legal right to creation a separate entity to bury present day people (and animals) on this site. Arguments can be made that this would be a source of revenue for the maintenance of the site.

There are many options to raise funds for the historic site. There are many options and locations for individuals (and pets) to be buried.

I am a descendent of several family members buried at the Hauge Church. My family has a long history as a member when it was an active church, over a hundred years ago, and the continued care and maintenance of the site and church since that time. I would not consider myself being buried (by cremation or otherwise) at this site.

This is a historic site not to be disturbed. It is historic, it honors those that came to America to start a new life. They need the be honored and preserved.

The proposal neither preserves nor protects the historic significance of the site.

There is only one question that must be answered. Is this an appropriate addition or use of this historic site? The answer is no.

The application for the Condition Use Permit should be denied.

Thank you, Gary Boley

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