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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:25 PM  
**To:** Planning & Development <plandev@countyofdane.com>  
**Subject: February 27, 2024, Public Hearing regarding: Petition: CUP 2612**

To: Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation (ZLR) Committee

I live at 7009 Applewood Drive in the Town of Middleton. I write to urge the Committee to reject/deny the proposal by applicants Casey and Melissa Helbach (the Applicants) to renew and/or modify their existing Conditional Use Permit to operate a transient or tourist lodging (short-term rental) at 6993 Applewood Drive in the Town of Middleton. I received written Notice of the Committee's February 27, 2024, Public Hearing on the matter.

The Notice identifies:

Zoning Amendment:

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) renewal for Transient or tourist lodging (short-term rental)

Reason:

Transient or tourist lodging (short-term rental) renewal

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I, like many other resident homeowners on Applewood Drive, object to the use of the property at 6993 Applewood Drive as a transient or tourist lodging (short-term rental) facility. The Applewood Hill plat includes covenants and restrictions including that "All lots shall be used for one family dwellings..." All owners of lots in Applewood Hill, including the Applicants, agreed to honor these covenants and restrictions. The use of 6993 Applewood Drive for transient or tourist lodging diminishes the single family nature and feeling of the Applewood Drive community. It also poses a threat to the safety and security of the neighborhood and its resident homeowners. Transient or tourist lodging brings in people unfamiliar with the neighborhood and Applewood Drive itself. Applewood Drive is a quiet street used by Applewood residents for walking or running alone, walking with family members including young children and elders, walking with pets, riding bicycles, and children playing. Transient or tourist lodging brings in people unfamiliar with Applewood Drive itself and its uses, resulting in significant safety and security risks to the resident family homeowners and families. Applewood Drive does not have sidewalks, and there are many curves with short/limited sightlines when driving. Transients and tourists are not familiar with these safety and security concerns when driving on Applewood Drive.

Additionally, the use of 6993 Applewood Drive for transient or tourist lodging for short periods, especially for short weekend periods, lends itself to excessive noise and other disturbances. The property would be more likely to be used as a "party house" causing significant disturbance and safety concerns.

I again urge the Committee to reject/deny the application by Casey and Melissa Helbach (the Applicants) to renew and/or modify their existing Conditional Use Permit to operate a transient or tourist lodging (short-term rental) at 6993 Applewood Drive in the Town of Middleton.

Thank you for your consideration.

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