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Appeal No. 3675

Re: Variance application for 4987 Reeve Road, Black Earth, Township, West
Dane Conservancy (Euclide/Steege property)

Dear Dane County Board of Adjustment,

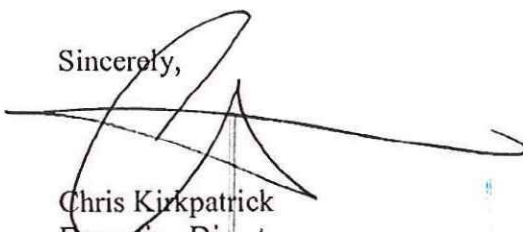
I am the Executive Director of The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE) and am familiar with the West Dane Conservancy (Euclide/Steege) property located at 4987 Reeve Road, Black Earth. I am also familiar with the conservation easement TPE holds on this land.

I am aware of the application for a variance from the 75' setback from the wetland to allow the property owners to add a second story on the existing house and to enclose the remaining portion of the old barn foundation for an addition to the storage shed.

It is my opinion that granting the requested variance would be in the public interest and would result in less disturbance to the wetland and to the prairie lands on the property than other alternatives. Other locations for building are very limited and would likely result in additional land disturbance, extension of the driveway and drilling of a new well, all of which could potentially adversely affect wetland area and are unnecessary if the requested variance is granted.

Additionally, the TPE land management plans require measures to preserve and enhance the wetland and prairie areas long-term. To date, the property owners have been very conscientious and committed to these conservation measures and protecting the wetland, pond and other natural areas on their property.

Sincerely,


Chris Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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