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My name is Kierstin Huelsemann, I am a resident of Dane County in the Allied Drive/Dunn's Marsh neighborhood in Fitchburg. I am writing to you tonight to encourage you all to OPPOSE items D2- 2021 RES-319 (<https://bit.ly/3zl4bqUz>) and D3. 2021 RES-320 (<https://bit.ly/3GebCZ7>) and to SUPPORT item D12: 2021 RES-336 (<https://bit.ly/3qOy5WU>)

I urge you to oppose RES-319, to Increase the Agreement for Mead & Hunt, Inc. by \$782,188 to revise the scope of the project for the Jail (JCP), because this change order is premature. COVID and initiatives around the country prove that reducing the jail population is possible. Investments in the works like the crisis center, CARES ambulance project, and the CJC's recent presentation on the La Crosse Huber model (moving the Huber program to a Health and Human services department), expanding Restorative Court initiatives, and making diversion programs accessible and equitable, are all things that must be implemented before building or investing in incarceration. These changes in policy, practices, and programs and initiatives get people out of the inhumane conditions of the current floors of the CCB sooner than the projected 4+ years building the proposed jail will take.

We have the opportunity to address disparities and incarceration in our county and implement alternatives to the proposed \$220+Million Jail Project. Oppose this change order when we have yet to take ALL the various steps, including those passed by the Dane County Board, to reduce the jail population and have an action plan to divert resources to treatment, alternatives and restorative justice.

I urge you to oppose 2021 RES-320, increasing the Jail Consolidation Project by \$24+Million because there is so much still possible to do to reduce this cost and project- the largest and most expensive in our County's history. Increasing the already \$220+Million budget is irresponsible, unnecessary and completely avoidable.

I urge you to support 2021 RES-336, authorizing the Office of Corporation Counsel to pursue a lawsuit on behalf of the County, against PFAS Manufacturers, because it is time we do more to hold those polluting our water and soil accountable. These funds then can be used to do what is necessary to clean the pollution that exists, and be invested in initiatives to reduce pollution in the future.