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Dear Homeless Issues Committee:

I am writing to you today regarding Heidi Wegleitner's proposed ordinance for county shelter's appeal process. I appreciate many of the changes that Sup. Wegleitner has made and the time she has put into working with shelter providers. However, I still have concerns about confidentiality with the proposed ordinance. The grievant is able to access a "statement of the facts supporting the adverse action and Identification of all sources of information relied upon." The ordinance goes on to state that "the name of witnesses may be redacted from documentation to be provided to the grievant if the witness was the victim of violent criminal activity or threatened criminal activity." Having any named witnesses given to the grievant potentially puts those people at risk for threats or acts of violence. The result could be that shelter policy violations will not be reported because witnesses do not want to be exposed.

I urge you to carefully consider this proposed ordinance. If you have any questions please contact Torrie Kopp Mueller, Housing Director, at (608) 257-1436, option 2 or [tkmueller@ywcamadison.org](mailto:tkmueller@ywcamadison.org).

Sincerely,



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