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Subject: Opposition to Modify/Renew 6993 Applewood Dr CUP 2612

Dear Dane County ZLR Committee,

We are writing to *oppose* modifications to the conditional use permit proposed by Casey and Melissa Helbach for their property at 6993 Applewood Drive. We live next door to this property and since the 5-night minimum stay requirement was enforced last year, we have noticed a decrease in noise/loud parties and an increase in family renters, which fits better with the character of our neighborhood and the many young families that live here.

Additionally, we are parents to an active preschooler who loves to play in the yard, especially during weekends at home. A 3-night minimum stay modification would increase the frequency of transient renters and encourage these strangers to stay and party next door over weekends, inherently reducing the safety and security we seek for our child to play freely in his own yard. We moved into this neighborhood specifically so we could raise a family in the same quiet and safe environment that the Helbachs enjoyed while raising their own children next door.

The increasing trend in the commercialization of our neighborhood is deeply concerning to us. We ask the Dane County ZLR Committee and the Town of Middleton to protect the character of single family neighborhoods such as ours and preserve the communities that make Middleton an appealing place to raise a family.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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