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**To:** Planning & Development <plandev@danecounty.gov>

**Subject:** Opposition to Proposal to Modify 6993 Applewood Dr - CUP 02653

Dear Dane County ZLR,

We are once again 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 with our young son. We moved into this neighborhood specifically to raise our family in the same quiet and safe environment that the Helbachs enjoyed while raising their own children. We believe the proposed 3-night minimum stay modification would encourage transient strangers to stay and party over long weekends rather than the types of business travelers that were originally pitched by the applicants. This modification would inherently reduce the safety and security we seek for our child to play freely in his own yard. There are approximately **25 young children under the age of 10** that live in our small, tight-knit community, all of whom deserve to play, bike, and explore their neighborhood safely.

Additionally, we think that a 5-year renewal process is too long. At present, the Helbachs have inadvertently forced neighbors to be the front line of their tenant rule enforcement mechanism. The CUP renewal process is our only tool to resolve issues that arise and a shorter renewal process would enable us to resolve them faster.

The increasing trend of the commercialization of our neighborhood is concerning to many of us who live here. We ask the committee 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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