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Subject: Helbach CUP 2653 - Objection to Proposed Change in Short-Term Rental Permit for 6993 Applewood Drive

Dear Dane County ZLR Committee,

I previously wrote to the Town of Middleton Board of Supervisors to oppose the Helbach CUP, and based on the notes from that meeting, they did nothing to assuage my opposition to their CUP, so I'm writing to you as I still formally object to the proposed modification of the conditional use permit for 6993 Applewood Dr, that would allow short-term rentals for a minimum of three days, rather than the current five-day requirement. As a resident of Applewood, I have significant concerns about the impact this change would have on the safety and character of our community.

Our neighborhood is not equipped to handle the increased traffic and activity that this change would likely bring. We do not have sidewalks, and our roads are frequently used by children - 3 of them my own, and at least 20 other children in Applewood under the age of 10 - who bike, walk, and rollerblade, as well as by other residents who take daily walks, including my wife, who makes multiple laps through the neighborhood daily.

The added turnover of short-term guests would inevitably result in more vehicles on the road, increasing the risk to pedestrians and young children.

Additionally, we are concerned that a three-day rental minimum will encourage an influx of out-of-town visitors specifically for football weekends and other high-traffic events. These short-term renters are often here to tailgate, party, and relive their college days, which could negatively affect the quiet, residential nature of our community. The current five-day minimum helps mitigate this issue by discouraging these types of high-turnover, party-focused stays.

Finally, another major concern is that the Helbachs no longer reside in the area (I believe they are fully out of state now too) and would be unable to quickly or effectively handle any issues that arise.

We ask that you consider the well-being and safety of our neighborhood and maintain the existing five-day rental minimum. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nick Vreeland & family

7064 Applewood Dr