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Board of Zoning Appeals
City of La Crosse
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La Crosse, WI 54603

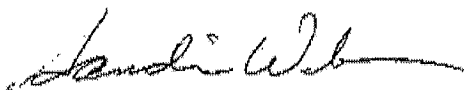
Dear Board members:

I am writing to express my objection to the granting of the variance requested on application 2627. As you will see from the application form, the request does not meet the three-step test to qualify. Step 1: There is no unique property limitation. This property is just like all of the other properties in the neighborhood. Step 2: There may be harm to public interest. Does the applicant have any proof that the requested changes are not going to cause additional water issues to the surrounding properties? He states that this variance will allow him to keep his retaining wall off the lot line three feet. Is that not a requirement anyway? If he raises his lot and puts a retaining wall right up against my fence, it seems that will cause even more damage to my fence than what he has already done and cause privacy issues. Step 3: As far as unnecessary hardship, there is no unique property limitation that creates an unnecessary hardship. He should have planned out whether his house would fit before he purchased the property. At this time, he should either build a house that does fit or find another property.

The applicant's points about not causing issues with his neighbors has already been rendered moot. He clearly has little real interest in having a good relationship with the neighbors as indicated by his failure to maintain the property by mowing or shoveling as is required. I would be happy to provide other examples of how this project has already been a problem in our neighborhood if you wish.

It is my belief that this variance request should not be granted.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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