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Hello all city council members and Mayor.

I am writing to you as a resident of the downtown community, a teacher in the LaCrosse School District and a huge advocate for supporting local art. The legislation requesting \$75,000 to be distributed to LaCrosse's Arts Board would not only increase the aesthetics of the downtown area, but it would show that our community supports a city that values its local people and all their talents. The mission of the arts board is to nurture artistic expression, create a vibrant community, and support cultural programs and artistic activities that enhance the quality of life for all. With this funding, LaCrosse's art board would be able to continue its mission without the stress of funding. It would allow the people in the community to be a part of so many creative outlets that LaCrosse is full of.

I, and so many other local residents, have seen what an amazing job the Arts Board has done to this city and with this funding, I know how much more they will do. The director of the board has an amazing vision and a drive for this city and it would be so beneficial to get the funds to a board that supports local creativity.

I appreciate your consideration and time in reading my support for this and look forward to the next step.

Sincerely,
Michelle Staehly