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City of La Crosse Board of Zoning Appeals
400 La Crosse Street
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Dear City of La Crosse Board of Zoning Appeals,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to request a variance for my property located at 1521 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin. I believe that granting this variance would be both reasonable and justifiable, considering the unique circumstances surrounding my property. I kindly ask for your support in approving my request.

One of the main factors supporting my variance request is the unique nature of my property and its distinct challenges. The property possesses a special or unique condition that warrants careful consideration. Constructed in 1949, well before the implementation of modern zoning ordinances, the property predates many of the existing regulations that govern its use. The property, being the final lot developed in the neighborhood, encountered limitations in terms of available space. Consequently, the structures on the property, including the garage and shed, were constructed with smaller dimensions due to the tight spatial constraints between the neighboring properties. Unfortunately, the current size of the garage and shed does not adequately accommodate the necessary materials required for proper maintenance of the property and to maintain its historical nature. In my pursuit of finding a suitable solution, I thoroughly explored the possibility of expanding the original storage shed adjacent to the one which initiated this sequence of events. Upon careful examination, it became evident that expanding the existing shed would necessitate the complete demolition of the entire structure. However, I am committed to preserving the historical significance of the property and have no intention of diminishing its unique character by demolishing the shed.

Furthermore, it is important to consider the minimal impact that granting this variance would have on the surrounding community. The proposed changes align with the overall aesthetics and character of the area and would not disrupt the harmony of the community. Notably, no arguments have been presented to suggest that granting this variance would be in any way contrary to the public interest. In fact, the Board received an unequivocal letter of support for the variance from our neighbor, further substantiating the fact that the proposed variance unequivocally aligns with the best interests and desires of the public.

I kindly request the Board's support in approving the variance for my property. I am confident that granting the variance would not only address the unique challenges I face but also promote a harmonious and balanced community. I am prepared to work closely with the Board to address any concerns and ensure that the variance aligns with the goals and objectives of the zoning regulations.

Sincerely,

Rich and Terri Johnson