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Hello Terri,

I am unable to attend the council meeting tonight but I would like to submit my comments for consideration. I have sent this email to the council members, Mayor Kabatt and Robin Moses from DMI as well but would also like to make them official. They are as follows:

As tonight is the vote to decide to override the Mayor's veto of the La Crosse Center expansion, I am writing again in support of the veto override.

I would like to note that many years ago the idea of a walkway through Riverside Park was brought up. There was some concern at that time about changing the footprint of the park and it did not happen. Several years later that project and others such as the Friendship Gardens and the Simpler Time sculpture, were added to the park. These enhancements brought new life to the park which today is enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors each year. The new addition will be another enhancement for the public to enjoy.

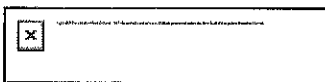
As I mentioned in my previous email I believe it is fiscally irresponsible not to go forward with the expansion at this time. La Crosse is a regional hub and also a hub in the entire State of Wisconsin. We are falling behind in attracting conventions. So much has been invested in our downtown community and it is paying off. We need this expansion to continue our forward momentum.

Unfortunately, a previous commitment prevents me from attending tonight's meeting. I urge you to vote in favor of the veto override.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Best regards,

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