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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in behalf of my mother, Julie Martell, regarding her property at 917 Island Street in La Crosse since I am not able to be there with her today.

It is my understanding, a third party contractor was hired to remove debris from the property and she would be accountable for the cost of the removal. I don't disagree that this needed to happen in the back yard. However, I have concerns about some of the items removed from the side yard and the cost of this.

The day after the contractors were at her property, I was on the property with Dave Reinhart. I noticed the only things left in the yard were a stack of plastic yard chairs and two plastic dog houses, one of which is broken. I asked Dave why they would leave them here. He explained that they are meant to be outside/outside items. This got me thinking about the many of the items she had that we didn't expect them to take. For example, some of these items are a patio table with metal legs and a glass top (not broken - in good shape), two gas grills (again - in working order, one even had a cover on it), a swing set, a seed spreader that was close to brand new, a fire pit (yes it had a broken tile but easily fixable and the structure was sound), and a boat trailer. These are all meant to be outdoors and none of them were in the back yard which was the problem. I am sure there were other things that my mother might express concern about also.

Not only do I find this situation heartbreaking, but I am appalled by what is happening to my mother, not to mention my childhood home.

My expectation is not that these items be returned to her, as I understand they are most likely long gone. However, I don't believe that she should be expected to pay for their removal, or what I would even go as far to say, what was stolen from her.

I hope you find this letter useful and I thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,



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