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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support the petition to re-zone the REACH Center so that it can make necessary improvements on the building that will enable it to continue to improve the lives of people in La Crosse. The REACH Center has assisted nearly 2,000 people since it opened, helping hundreds maintain housing, and offering other services to La Crosse residents.

Re-zoning would allow the Center to install solar panels on the roof, making the building more energy efficient, thus allowing the Center to use more of its resources to help the community. Further, it would allow the Center to install dental suites to provide important dental care to those who need it.

Contrary to unfounded rumors, re-zoning would NOT allow the Center to be used as a shelter for the homeless, nor as a drug treatment facility.

Approving this petition would be a win-win for the REACH Center and for the residents of La Crosse. Rejecting the petition would mean that three organizations (REACH, YWCA, Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers) that provide essential services to some of our most vulnerable neighbors would not be able to do their work.

Please support this re-zoning petition. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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