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Dear City Council Members,

As a La Crosse local and currently a Director of the Board for the Pump House Regional Arts Center, I am writing to urge your support for the approval of Item #24-1151, which provides essential funding for the expansion and renovation of our restroom facilities. This resolution is crucial to ensuring the continued success of the Pump House and its role in enriching the cultural fabric of our city. I respectfully request that you vote to overturn the Mayor's recent veto of this important measure.

The Pump House has long been a cornerstone of our community, offering programs and performances that elevate the arts and improve quality of life for residents of all ages. Beyond its cultural contributions, the Pump House serves as an economic engine, attracting visitors and boosting local businesses. This investment is not only in the arts, but also in La Crosse's local economy.

Our recent theatre upgrades reflect our commitment to maintaining a modern, accessible space that serves everyone. However, unforeseen costs in the restroom renovation, combined with city-required contingency funds, have pushed the project beyond the budget. We are asking for the city's assistance in covering a small portion of these expenses for the building it owns.

Your support of this resolution would not only help complete this critical upgrade but also affirm your commitment to the arts as a valuable asset to our city. Approving this funding will allow us to continue fostering creativity, connection, and cultural engagement in La Crosse.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Nhouchee Yang

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Pump House Board Director