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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my strong support for new business item 22-1396, regarding residential rental dwelling unit registration. I am a La Crosse resident who has spent several years renting, before my wife, children, and I were lucky enough to buy our own home. I also do volunteer tenant advocacy, working to help tenants facing eviction, poor living conditions, and mistreatment. I can say first hand that there are serious issues in housing in our community. There is not enough housing present or in development to provide safe, dignified housing to everyone living in La Crosse.

Registration of rental units would help to provide data on rental units to policy makers and non-profit agencies that work to help alleviate homelessness and poverty. This data is also needed to inform developers and landlords of market conditions, and help them make business decisions around housing. The first step to effective solutions around these problems is to understand them. We need information on the quality and quantity of rental units available in La Crosse so that we can make informed decisions on housing development and aid programming.

I strongly encourage you all to vote in favor of this measure as a significant step toward solving the housing issues in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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