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Dear City Council Members,

As a small business employee of La Crosse, I simply request you to reject any proposal that removes on-street parking for bike lanes. Convenient parking is vital to downtown's economic health, accessibility, and overall vitality. Many people, especially older adults, families with children, and those with mobility challenges rely on being able to park close to their destinations. Eliminating on-street parking will both deter and make it harder for people to come downtown and ultimately hurt local commerce, the very heart of our community. We have already noticed a dip since free ramp parking was reduced and then taken away, I personally have seen the bike lanes on 2nd street be used improperly by cars and fear creating new bike lanes will only cause more accidents.

For these reasons, I strongly support Alternative 2, which preserves existing on-street parking and ensures continued accessibility for all while still allowing thoughtful discussion on other improvements. I urge the Council to prioritize decisions that protect downtown businesses and sustain La Crosse's economic future.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,
Tokata Fate