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Dear City of La Crosse Council Members:

On behalf of the La Crosse County Human Services Department, I am writing in support of the REACH Center partners' rezoning requests for 212 11th Street South.

Under the City of La Crosse and La Crosse County Pathways Home Plan, the Human Services Department has become intricately involved in working with the community to align and maximize services that will be key to ensuring the City of La Crosse reaches "functional zero" homelessness. The REACH Center is a living example of how existing services can have a greater impact through collaboration and coordination. REACH has already made a difference in preventing individuals from becoming unsheltered and connecting homeless individuals to housing supports. REACH partners have been important stakeholders in developing and implementing the Pathways Home plan. Continued REACH services, with the ability to expand partnerships and pursue site improvements, will be an important part of the revitalized homelessness response system.

Aside from Pathways Home, many of our Human Services consumers have experienced housing challenges and other needs where REACH services have been beneficial. We are excited about the added partnership of Scenic Bluffs and how that will strengthen our community's continuum of services and result in increased safety and stability. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Witt, Director
La Crosse County Human Services