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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the rental property owners that I work with in the City of La Crosse regarding the proposed budget cut of the Spring Large Item Pickup. I have been a Property Manager and Owner in the City of La Crosse for over 15 years. A large percentage of the 130 properties that I currently manage have turnover each May due to the college population. Even with annual Large Item Pickup in place, we usually spend many more hours each year hauling trash, furniture and belongings to the dump that are left behind by tenants when they depart. Each year, we lament the condition of the City boulevards and yards due to this "dumping season" as we try mightily to get everything cleaned up in a timely manner, particularly around the campus areas. If you drive through the city as much as I do in the last couple of weeks of May, you will see the terrible condition with trash and furniture everywhere.

While we are on top of the cleanup for our properties, there are many older property owners who do not have the wherewithal to be hauling old dressers, couches, mattresses, etc. that are often left at their properties. Our leases and move out information clearly outlines tenant's responsibilities and penalties with regard to this but dumping still occurs. Even in recent years with limitations as to the timing of the pickup and the number of items that can be picked up, I still feel that it is a vastly important service provided by the City. Please, please strongly consider keeping this item in the budget. If it is removed, I believe it will make the City of La Crosse look like a landfill even into early June when we receive visitors from all over the state for the WIAA Track meet. And that is not a good look.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my feelings on the important of this subject. It is much appreciated!

Regards,
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