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To Whom It May Concern:

While I do not begin to understand the ins and out of why this action has been taken by the City, I do know one thing: My friend of 30+ years, Virginia Kreyer, is experiencing potential eviction from her home, and I need to speak up for a friend who has done so much for me and for this community. She and her partner, Rick Warren, have lived and worked in this community for many decades. They have been law-abiding and productive members of the La Crosse community. They have "played by the rules," purchasing a home they could afford with their means: the mobile home they currently reside in. These people are not high-income, high-profile individuals in La Crosse: does this mean they should be presented with an untenable situation with virtually no notice and no viable solutions offered? Is the average person of no interest to the powers that be in this town? We pay the taxes that make this local government go, and to be treated so shoddily is unacceptable and frankly offensive.

Ginny and Rick are senior citizens; they are retired. To callously kick them out of their home (which in essence is what is going on here, given the age of the mobile home in question) is just plain wrong. They need time and options in order to successfully navigate this crisis, which this absolutely is. If these people are treated in this manner, it should alert the rest of this community that their local government cares little for the individual. I am profoundly disappointed to see that my hometown would operate in this very high-handed way. Please, please reconsider just throwing these people out of their homes, and instead work with the mobile home park and the individuals involved to reach a better conclusion, one that doesn't lead to such profound financial and personal losses.

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