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Hello,

My name is Cynthia Kocik, and I am writing to support the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin-Badgerland, Inc.'s (Badgerland Council's) proposal to reuse the South Community Library building, which is on the agenda for the April 24th meeting of the Economic and Community Development Commission.

To begin, the Badgerland Council's use of the South Community Library building would allow it to remain a place for community members to grow and thrive. It would support Girl Scouts learning to meet their potential and positively impact their community. In addition, the building is in an ideal location for La Crosse area Girl Scouts, volunteers, and Badgerland Council staff, and it is easier to access than the current Girl Scout office on Quarry Road off Highway 16. The space itself would also benefit the Girl Scouts considerably. The Badgerland Council plans to minimally renovate the building with accessibility in mind and create spaces for a STEM lab, a makerspace, a resource area with educational and technology resources, and office space for administration and volunteer coordination. As a volunteer with a local Girl Scout troop, I can attest that these spaces would be a great upgrade from the current Girl Scout office facilities and would help troop members pursue creative endeavors, explore the wonders of science and technology, and develop skills to not only navigate today's rapidly changing world, but make it a more vibrant, just, and peaceful place. In summary, the Badgerland Council proposal would maintain the South Community Library building as an important community resource; provide a great location and facilities for Girl Scouts, employees, and volunteers; and help La Crosse area Girl Scouts learn and grow into active, knowledgeable, and conscientious community members.

Thank you for taking the time to record my comments.

Sincerely,  
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