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1024 Cass St  
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Dear Ms. Elsen,

We would like to offer this letter as support for the rezoning of the REACH Center. We also own the property at 312 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

I directly help our unhoused friends. They have stories, just like you and me. We have never had an issue with them at either house.

Our family did foster care for several years. Dental care was very difficult to obtain for our foster children. Can you imagine not being able to get your teeth fixed as a child? Last year, 40% of Scenic Bluffs patients were children.

I believe we do need to make our community better. How do we do it? We have experts in our neighborhood. Dr. Rick Kyte, Viterbo University, teaches a graduate class called Building Communities. Could we ask Chief Shawn Kudron, the community resource officers, and the community social workers to speak and offer suggestions on how we could make our community better instead of criticizing them?

What would it look like if we volunteered our time and supported the REACH Center?

Would helping the less served in the La Crosse area make Washburn stronger?

And what about doing the moral thing?

There must be a way to meet in the middle. Can we learn more from experts without hostility?

Thank you,

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