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Hi Nikki,

I would like to submit a letter of support for file # 24-0190 - Rezoning the Reach Center. See below. Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Peter Gorski - 418 11th St S

I live with my family two blocks away from the REACH Center, and I work two blocks from it. I walk by it most days and have never seen any sort of disruption or issue.

I work in a public facing role, and I do see the growing homelessness crisis daily. If we want to stop and reverse the ballooning of the unhoused population in our city, we need to support resources like REACH.

REACH's model of uniting several agencies and services under one roof is a vital resource that helps people most in need. The services at the REACH Center don't bring more homeless people to our neighborhood — they keep our neighbors most at risk of homelessness from ending up on the street.

Expanding REACH services to include dental care is a noble cause that can help struggling families to get the medical care they need to stay healthy. The REACH Center is not a shelter, and the city will have it in writing that they cannot and will not provide shelter or drug treatment.

Less services will not prevent people from ending up on the street. Instead, it will compound the challenges we already face in working to make all residents in La Crosse safe, healthy and housed. I fully support rezoning the REACH Center to make their facility compliant and more sustainable.