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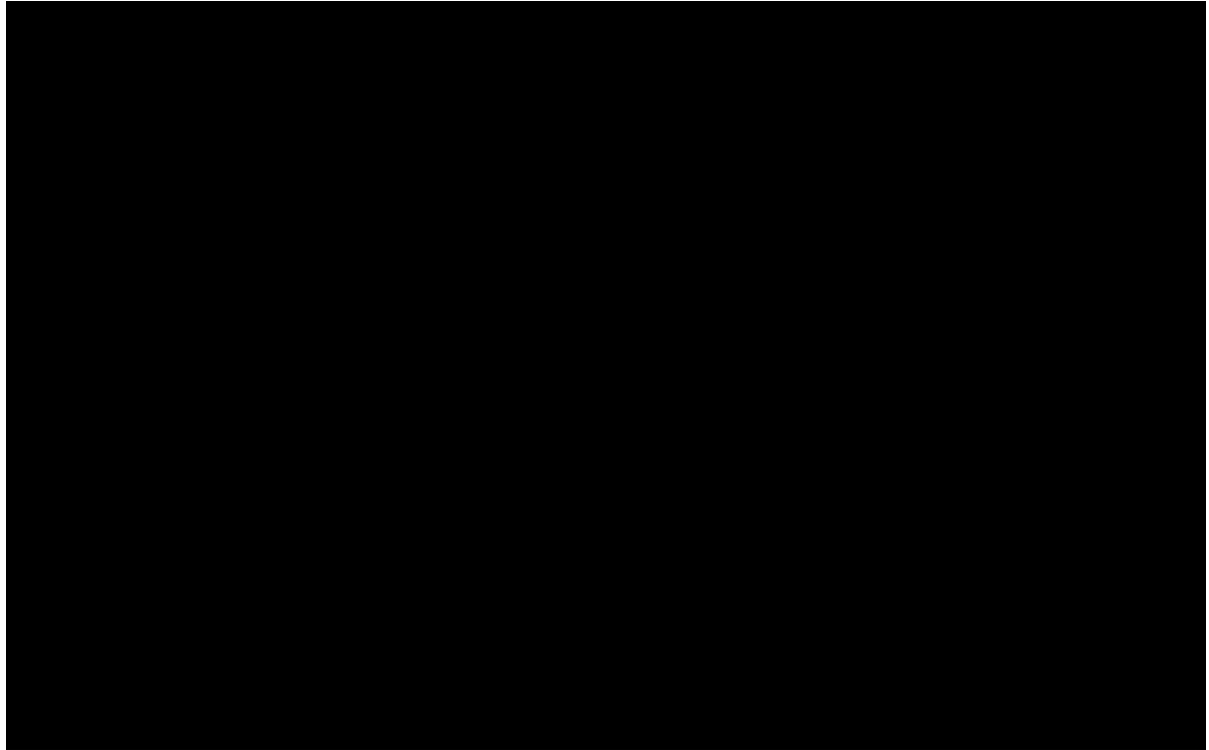
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Hello,

I was sent this letter a few minutes ago by a neighbor who lives near 702 State Street. She is home with an ill child tonight but asked me to pass this along.



**Good evening, Mayor Nickels , Council Members, and fellow community members. My name is Beth Schweigl and live at 615 State Street, right in the heart of the area affected by this proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.**

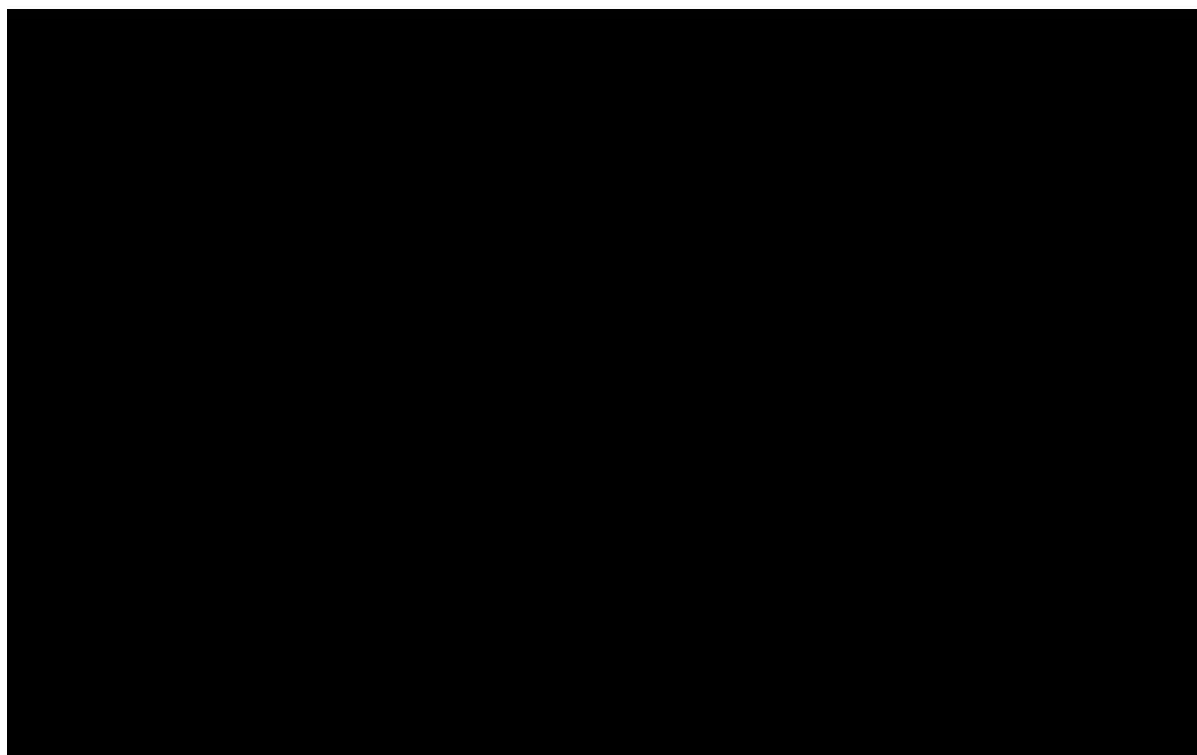
**I'm here to strongly support the conditional use permit for the Manitowoc Warming Shelter. As someone who has personally suffered homelessness in the past and was fortunate enough to escape it, I know firsthand how precarious life can be, one unexpected emergency away from needing a place like this myself. Living on this very street, I see unhoused people walking by every day and night, and it pains me deeply to witness their struggles without adequate support. In all my time here, I've never had any issues with them, they're our neighbors in need, not a threat. But real issues could arise if their basic needs aren't met, leading to more visible hardship or strain on our community.**

**This shelter has been a vital lifeline for our unhoused neighbors during Wisconsin's brutal winters, operating successfully for three seasons and helping prevent**

tragedies from exposure to the cold.

Hope House is overwhelmed, with over 100 people on waiting lists and serving nearly 100 families each year. Without this low-barrier, overnight-only shelter from November to April, we risk lives, it's truly a matter of survival for those with nowhere else to turn.

I urge the Council to vote yes on this permit as recommended. By doing so, we're upholding our community's values of justice and support for the vulnerable. Thank you for your time and consideration, let's make this happen.



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