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**To:** Martin, Al **Subject:** Mineral Point / Re-zoning

Dear Sirs:

I have recently relocated to Madison, having accepted a position as Associate Chief of Staff at a local hospital. I purchased a home in Westmorland, attracted by the diverse neighborhood, small scale homes and sense of history.

It has come to my attention that Mt Olive Church has an accepted offer to purchase contingent on rezoning to allow the construction of a three story 100 unit assisted living facility.

I have spent most of my professional life caring for the elderly and disenfranchised; I am certainly aware of the need for assisted living facilities. I would however, point out that a planned structure of this size is entirely out of character and proportion to this old well established residential neighborhood. The traffic involved with this number of residents and employees will have a significant negative impact on quality of life in the neighborhood. Of course this is traffic covering all three shifts, not just business hours. A business venture of this size will bring many people into the neighborhood who have no commitment to the area, raising safety questions also.

I strongly urge you to stop any rezoning of Westmorland. The current low density zoning needs to remain in force offering opportunities for that property to schools, churches and the norm small housing. Westmorland is an outstanding example of a stable historic Madison neighborhood, commercial development is likely to be quite harmful. Based on my review of the zoning laws, I will plan to attend the general notice meetings.

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