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October 14, 2008

Committee to Defend Catherine Wilkerson Attn: Michelle J. Kinnucan P.O. Box 8041 Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Dear Ms. Kinnucan:

AMERICAN CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION OF
MICHIGAN
WASHTENAW COUNTY
BRANCH

P.O. BOX 5446 ANN ARBOR, MI 48106-3446 As you may know, the ACLU regards freedom of expression as the bedrock of a free society. We agree that the fear of losing one's job as a consequence of lawful political expression and other lawful activities outside of work has a chilling effect on people's liberty.

Therefore, following the unanimous support of our Lawyers Committee, I am happy to notify you that the Executive Board of the Washtenaw County Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union voted unanimously on October 2, 2008, to endorse the draft "Resolution in Support of Freedom of Political Expression," which your group submitted to the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission on September 10, 2008. We share in your wish to see the City's anti-discrimination ordinance amended by the City Council to "clearly, broadly, and strongly protect people's right to freedom of opinion and expression," including the "rights of employees to freely engage in lawful political expression and other lawful conduct which does not interfere with job performance, including but not limited to, conduct when they are off their employer's premises during non-work hours."

Your group's draft resolution and this letter will be submitted to Rana Elmir, editor of the ACLU of Michigan's newsletter, as a fine example of grassroots activism. And please keep us informed of your group's progress in this worthy effort.

Sincerely,

Joshua Kay

Chair

cc: Rana Elmir

Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission

Ann Arbor City Council

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Gale Redding 2343 Foxway Dr Ann Arbor, MI 48105

City of Ann Arbor c/o Mayor John Hieftje City Council Planning Commission 100 N. Fifth Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48104

October 15, 2008

Dear Mayor John Hieftje, City Council Members and Planning Commission Members,

I am writing to express my support for The Madison and to encourage you to approve this project. It will increase workforce affordable housing options in the downtown area, provide housing opportunities attractive to young professionals which are significantly lacking in the downtown area and it will increase the supply of sustainable/green housing options. The Madison is appropriately located in a mixed use neighborhood, close to downtown, and provides a number of important community benefits in addition to those mentioned above.

Yours Truly, Lale Redding

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