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To Historical Society

My name is Robert Stoltz. I am the grandson of Frederick "Fritz" Gettelman and I currently reside in what was the Gettelman estate on Pewaukee Lake. Fred and Paul Gettelman are my cousins, the sons of Fred Gettelman Jr. Tom Gettelman, Fred Gettelman Jr, Helen Mueller, and Louise Gettelman Stoltz are the four children of Fred Gettelman Jr. Louise Stoltz was my mother.

As I am unable to attend the meeting on 4/24/17 I offer my thoughts. They are obviously personal in nature as this is my family's heritage that is being discussed at this meeting.

I could go into the history of the brewery but many articles have been written over the years about the brewery and the many things that the brewery and the family meant, and gave back, to the City of Milwaukee. As a child I spent many hours at the brewery watching the brewing process.

I have had the opportunity over the years of being able to take my children, and grandchildren, down to what remains of the property. It was hard to see it being demolished piece by piece, but some call that progress. What was always remaining was the main building itself, standing as a reminder of what was, and keeping the heritage of the Gettelman name alive. I visited it as recently as a few weeks ago and was able to actually get into the building and down into the caves, which look well preserved in my humble opinion.

As a side note there is a Gettelman sign painted on the side of a building in downtown Waukesha. An ex employee of Gettelman repainted the sign at his own expense and time. Further testimony to what the Gettelman name meant to him.

It would be a shame to let a piece of Milwaukee's brewing history to be demolished just to attain a few yards of parking space, of which I understand SAB/Mill has plenty of. As much as Miller, Pabst, Schlitz, and Blatz are part of Milwaukee's history, so is Gettelman. Buildings from these other brewers have to degrees been preserved and repurposed. Why not the Gettelman building with its historic caves?

Sincerely offered, *Robert Thomas Stoltz*