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Honorable Mayor Jankovic and Deputy Mayor Koželj,

To my great grief, I have heard that the City of Ljubljana intends to sell the Hostel Celica, regardless of its unquestionable success during the 14 years of its operation in its new function, and its international fame as a remarkable reuse and renovation of a building with a grim history. The hostel project has achieved a real miracle in turning this building into a center of creative activity, vitality and optimism, which is known and celebrated around the world. The youth of Ljubljana certainly needs and has earned this hugely successful incubator of new culture.

As the designer of one of the former prison cells into a hostel room, I wish to respectfully appeal to your cultural understanding and judgement in protecting the Hostel Celica against the planned sale or any other abuse.

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