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Hello-

When I shopped at my local Pick and Save on South Park Street last week, I couldn't help but feel a twinge of anger and sadness when I noticed all of my fellow shoppers and employees who will be unfairly impacted because of the upcoming closure of our neighborhood grocery store. While I have many options of where to shop, as well as transportation to get there, that is not the case for many of my fellow shoppers, many of whom walk to the store to get their groceries.

The City of Madison's wonderful Public Health Department has all of the facts and figures needed for everyone involved in this negotiation to understand the neighborhood demographics and the impact losing our grocery store will have on many of our residents. I am baffled as to why this decision was made without thoughtful consideration of the residents, without consulting the health department, or without coming up with a more proactive plan to ensure that Madison doesn't end up creating a food desert in one of the neediest neighborhoods in Madison.

Our community is working so hard to correct years of racial discrimination against our communities of color, and this decision seems to fly in the face of other signs of forward progress. Please reconsider this decision, and find a better solution than taxi fares. People need access to fresh, healthy food where they live. Period.

We can do better than this for our fellow citizens. All of them!

Thank you for reconsidering,

Brenda Baker

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