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**Subject:** Regarding Possible Copps in Grandview Commons

Hello,

Unfortunately, my husband Larry and I are not able to make the Urban Design Committee meeting tonight. However, we'd like our opinions to be passed along to the members if possible.

We'd like to express that we are against the development of the 58 square foot grocery store. We are against it for several reasons. Some of which are as follows:

1. The size of the building far exceeds what we were aware could be built there. Our home was bought based on the original plans for the neighborhood.
2. The idea of a walking town center DOES NOT fit with a big box grocery store, no matter how many sidewalks are put in. We would not be walking to get bulk groceries.
3. We live on Sharpsburg Drive. We are extremely concerned about the increased traffic that will undoubtedly run down our street. The idea of our neighborhood is to have small yards, but to utilize large green spaces. One of these main green spaces and kid's park is right on Sharpsburg where this traffic will be. Another one is on North Star, where there will also be increased traffic.
4. We are also concerned about the amount of traffic that will be on Cottage Grove Road. With only one lane of traffic going East over the interstate bridge (and no convenient other way to get to our neighborhood), it is likely that we'll spend MUCH more time sitting in traffic trying to get to and from our home.

These are among many reasons that we are against the proposed Copps Grocery store. We did attend the neighborhood meeting last week and were even more convinced that this proposed plan is not a good fit for our neighborhood.

If possible, please share our opinions with the committee and take note that we are against the proposed change to the space.

Thank you!

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