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Dear SSM and Members of the Truman Olson Steering Committee,

I am contacting you because you have the ability to keep the families of South Madison from losing access to their only full-service grocery store.

The health and well-being of all families of South Madison, an area renowned for its food and health disparities, is of great concern to me. The plans to tear down the Pick 'n Save before there is a replacement supermarket will be a great hardship to these families as it is the only store in the vicinity for many of our healthy food needs.

The City's proposed solutions of providing taxi vouchers or food delivery do not adequately address the needs of those who rely on food stamps or don’t have the time to travel long distances with young children.

Tearing down this store without a replacement creates a "food desert". I implore the City, the Mayor, SSM Health, Welton Enterprises and Kroger to find a solution that puts family food access and families health first before anything else this development will offer.

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