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Subject: Preserve Food access in South Madison

Dear SSM and Members of the Truman Olson Steering Committee,

I am reaching out to express concerns about the plans to tear down the Pick N Save on South Park before a replacement supermarket is built. This will result in families of South Madison losing access to their only full-service grocery store and exacerbate the food and health disparities that already exist in South Madison.

I shop at the Pick n Save every week and it is clearly a resource that is well-used by the community to access a wide range of healthy food. I am concerned that the health of other families with more transportation obstacles than I will be strongly impacted by this, 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. I also believe many families would be hesitant to use these services, particularly if they have unreliable phone or internet access to coordinate these services, or work hours that may prevent them from using them fully.

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 allows for healthy food continuity before it is too late.

Thank you,
Kelly Anderle

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