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Dear SSM and Members of the Truman Olson Steering Committee,

We am reaching out to you because you play an important role in keeping the families of South Madison from losing access to their only full-service grocery store.

The south side of Madison is known for its lack of food and health choices and this is of great concern to me and my family. The plans to tear down the Pick 'n Save before there is a replacement supermarket will be a great hardship to all since it is the only full service grocery store in the vicinity.

The City has proposed possible solutions of providing taxi vouchers or food delivery. But these possible solutions have been tried in other parts of the city and have not been successful. And these proposed solutions 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, or of those who are trying to work two or more jobs just so they can feed their families. Some of these folks do not always have time to plan ahead as they attempt to meet the food needs of their families.

Tearing down this store without a replacement creates a food desert. Madison can do better than that. We implore the City, the Mayor, SSM Health, Welton Enterprises and Kroger to find a solution that puts family health first for ALL families.

Thank you for your consideration

Laurie and Lee Swimm