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Dear SSM and Members of the Truman Olson Steering Committee,

Your decision re this site is essential. Please keep the needs of all South Madison residents as top priority for your consideration. Losing access to our only full-service grocery store would affect folks profoundly.

Some of my immediate neighbors and I have other ways to buy food, but we still shop at the Park Street store, so a grocery will be available in our district. The families of South Madison, an area renowned for its food and health disparities, need and deserve a full service store. Nutrition 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 many, since 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, don’t have the time to travel long distances with young children and/or whose physical conditions and schedules make it impossible to travel far.

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 now that puts family health first. Please don't delay your decision. Work together now to make the health of our neighbors possible.

Thank you,
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