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**To:** Martin, Al

**Subject:** big box store opposition

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the proposed big box grocery store for grandview commons. I do not at all wish to have a large grocery store in my back yard. I have small children and am concerned for their safety as well as the safety of all the residents that currently use the space across the street on Sharpsburg. This is a beautiful park used for many family gatherings and this area will become a traffic nightmare and danger to the community. I strongly urge you to oppose this big box proposal. There are small and large grocery stores in nearby neighborhoods (3 within a few miles). This is an unnecessary use of this space and only brings in a negative climate to the neighborhood in my opinion. I do not feel that Alder Cnare is representing my neighborhood as she should be. I receive all her emails on what is happening and do not feel she is representing the opposition. I have been made aware of the traffic study by another individual. That study found that there would be an additional 1600 cars that will be accessing the neighborhood at Cottage Grove rd and North Star Drive. I find this to be an outrageous number of vehicles and this area was simply not designed to handle such traffic flow. Perhaps Roundys would like to locate their store at Metro Place a few blocks away where it is already designed to hold such large development. Why would the city allow them to rezone an entire retail space for their needs and bring in all this traffic, noise, safety concerns to a neighborhood when they can build a few blocks away? Does that seem right to you that this big business should hold such power?

Please express my concerns to all the members of the urban design commission prior to the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you for your time,

Teresa Riley

Grandview commons resident and homeowner