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Dear SSM and Members of the Truman Olson Steering Committee,

I was not able to attend the April 4 meeting at the Labor Temple due to illness, so I am reaching out because you play an important role in keeping the families of South Madison from losing access to their only full-service grocery store.

Although I am able to shop at the grocery store of my choice whenever I need or want to (which sometimes includes the South Park Pick N Save, as it's the closest to us), I am also concerned for the health and well-being of all of the families of South Madison, an area renowned for its food and health disparities. 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 store in the vicinity for many of our healthy food needs. This action appears to be being considered without full consideration of the people who it would affect the most severely.

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. In fact, that is really just an absurd idea.

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 health first before it is too late.

Thank you,
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