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Dear ALRB Members:

I am commenting on Item 20, legistar 88503, OPPOSING a new liquor license for the ill-managed 7-11/BP Gas Station at the corner of Walnut and Old University. I have lived at the same address -- about a quarter mile from this site -- for 17 years and have never before opposed a liquor license anywhere.

The operators at this gas station are inconsiderate and demonstrate little respect for the neighborhood. This store is chronically understaffed, offers no amenities (even the barstools have been removed to inhibit lingering over a cup of coffee), a gross littered nuisance, and a magnet for negative activity.

Like the minimal staffing, the management at this franchise makes stingy, shortsighted decisions that affect us all. For example, they have no landscaping to reduce lake water contamination and they charge for compressed air even though they are right on the bike path.

Additionally, the store has offered no provisions or amenities to support the neighborhood's acquisition of affordable housing. Indeed, they have inflated pricing for pantry basics -- exploiting their neighbors on foot with the convenience pricing traditional for gas buyers.

Finally, a vast majority of their peer businesses are charitable with our high school and Madison's social service programs, organizing in-kind and monetary donations whereas they are conspicuously absent.

I have no faith in them to responsibly vend anything and hope that they soon sell to someone who will.

Thanks for hearing me and for your service to Madison,

Juliet Page