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The Zoning Commission  
The District Building Room 11  
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Deart Mr. Lindsley,

It is with great urgency I write you to consider the implications of the closing of the Cleveland Park Safeways store. It will mean to many of the senior citizens an end to their independence. Many of the residence in this area are old, disabled and without transportation. The nearest full grocery store will be over a mile's walk roundtrip. Many cannot make that walk in bad weather, many cannot make it in good weather.

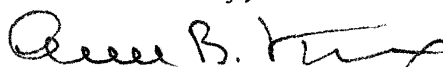
To lose a food store is to lose the heart of the community. We have seen what uncontrolled zoning has done in other parts of the city, areas that were once small active and close-knit communities ave been lost to highrises and corporate centers. Washington cannot afford to lose any more of the small heartbeats that have been what made it a good place to live.

The cost to the city of having to help the citizens will be enormous; the loss of dignity to individuals who are still able to take care of themselves is immeasurable. Besides it will mean the city will have to provide in far more costly ways for their needs.

I urge you to expedite the bill pending to create tax incentives for food stores in this city. I urge you to consider a zoning bill that will stem the waves of development that are annihilating the character of this beloved city, displacing people by removing the source of their food and by allowing the unbridled greed of developers to take advantage of OUR CITY. I urge you to intervene in any way you can to keep Cleveland Park with a food store.

We need YOUR HELP. NOW! Please work to protect our community.

Yours sincerely,



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EXHIBIT NO. 49

