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**Subject:** Grandview Commons

Dear Reader,

I'm writing to oppose the Veridian proposal for the Grandview Commons neighborhood. While I am in favor of retail development for our neighborhood, I feel the Veridian proposal is far too large. A big box store would leave our neighborhood vulnerable to large amount of traffic which would endanger pedestrians and bicyclists. A big box store should be placed on Sprecher and Milwaukee- an area already zoned for large retail.

Placing a large big box store in close vicinity to an existing residential area is unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists. The proposed Veridian plan calls for 3 or 4 hazardous curb cuts to Cottage Grove Road. Our sleepy neighborhood will become a magnet for traffic from outlying areas. This proposal violates the Sprecher Neighborhood Plan, the City Comprehensive Plan and the big box ordinance.

This proposal also violates the City of Madison's official process for approval. How can this proposal be approved if no formal development application has been filed?

I feel it would be irresponsible of city to green light a project that is so clearly wrong. Again, I am in favor of retail. But the retail must be responsibly built and harmoniously embedded in our neighborhood.

Sincerely, Mary Driscoll 801 Mclean Drive Madison, WI 53704