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Subject: Grandview Roundy's Prop.

Alder Cnare,

We are strongly opposed to the Roundy's/Copps grocery chains proposal to build a very large store in the Grandview Commons site. This will jeopardize the very long established independently owned Sentry store at Cottage Grove Rd and Acewood Blvd. and also the independently owned Piggly Wiggly store in Cottage Grove proper, less than seven minutes away from the proposed site.

With Woodman's East, Copp's Broadway, Copp's Aberg Ave. along with a fairly new Copp's in Sun Prairie on county C and Hwy 19 and Phil Woodman building another huge store at county C and Hwy 151 which may be less than seven minutes away, we believe the area is already fully saturated with chain grocery stores which would surely harm the business at both of the independently owned stores at these other locations.

My suggestion to you is to consult with Mr. Joe Wirag/Sentry and or Mr. David Schommer/Piggly Wiggly to see if they have any input into this. My best suggestion is if a grocery is needed in Grandview that it be another independent owner. There is absolutely no need for more corporate sprawl into our neighborhoods.

Again, we oppose the building of a Copps store just up the hill over interstate. There are already plenty of choices in the area and support should be given to the "little" guy, the "mom & pop" operations rather than the large corporations that eventually shut down the independents.

Thanks for your time.

Chuck & Kathy Wichern