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248 Franklin Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
November 30, 1994

Cambridge City Council
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Dear City Councillors:

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING
and we don't have a store

The holidays are coming
and the goose is getting fat
but we don't have any grocery store
to even feed our cat

But if we do not have a super store
A convenience store won't do
and, if you four will still oppose,
Then---Heaven help you!

For a happy reunion with my family, my annual holiday shopping list has always included: a large turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, mashed potatoes, yams, squash, peas, lettuce, salad dressing, rolls, nuts, pumpkin pie, ice cream and coffee--plus household items of paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap, dishwashing liquid. In addition, holiday paper napkins, candles, poinsettia plants and several bottles of wine.

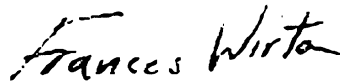
I used to be able to find all these items at a reasonable price at the Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive. Now I must travel to Watertown, my nearest Stop & Shop. Neither Bread & Circus, The Harvest nor Purity Supreme carry all these items under one roof, and their prices are higher.

But supposing I didn't own a car? I would have to take a taxi both ways--possibly to Purity, just like residents of 150 Erie Street, 808 Memorial Drive and Riverside. And with winter snow and ice, conditions will be worse.

What is going to happen? How long will we have to suffer? What can our city councillors do to help us? What responsibility will be taken by those four councillors who voted against the store? Are they yet willing to concede that this site, owned by Stop & Shop, continues to be the only possible site in this area for a super store with the required parking spaces?

Now that the building may be leased to a computer store, we will have to wait even longer for the possibility that Stop & Shop might be willing to reconsider construction of a Super Stop & Shop. But certainly only if and when we have elected several new councillors who will vote their support for the Super stop & Shop.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Wirta".

Frances J. Wirta

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Consent Communication #3

**A comm. was received from Frances
Wirta regarding the Stop & Shop on
Memorial Drive.**

In City Council December 12, 1994

Placed on file.