



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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Thom Alcazar
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Dear Mr. Alcazar:

Please accept this communiqué as a letter of support for your proposal to establish a chain of sustainable “grocery stores of a new type” in food deserts such as the community of North Lawndale. EATS is planned as a social enterprise, a business entity that considers the interests of employees, vendors, and customers as well as investors. Social enterprises may also qualify for pending “B-Corp certification” plan to create an uplifting shopping experience.

Your vision encompasses the full array of socio-economic conditions which underlie the existence of food deserts including lack of work opportunities especially for teens and ex-offenders. You have also outlined a plan to interact with leading existing community anchors including faith communities and community organizations. EATS is based on offering a sense of dignity to workers and customers and a commitment to development of local resources.

The lack of access to a quality full selection grocery remains a very significant challenge for portions of Chicago’s West and South sides with attendant health, safety, convenience and cost penalties for those residents.

I trust your proposal will receive all due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny K. Davis".

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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