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Thom Alcazar  
 EATS Groceries  
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EATS LLC,

Based on key components shared with my office on a proposed chain of stores sustainable in "Food Deserts" like North Lawndale; some EATS LLC's planned components are areas which I believe if implemented with community collaborations can result in enhancing the growth and stabilization of our community.

- Offering a broad selection, at reasonable prices
- Emphasizing a high quality, full-line supermarket
- Local hiring for future oriented positions
- Coordinating with our existing neighborhood training programs to operate their
  - Teen Entrepreneurship program
  - Cafe and meal tasting culinary requirements
  - Warehouse operations that include ex-offender jobs
  - Shopping assistants to provide seamless customer transition to the shopping methods
  - Transportation systems to safely route customers to and from EATS supermarket
  - Congregation contributions that promote health through store membership

As a practical business consideration, the impressive EATS business plan forecasts profits making it sustainable and not requiring subsequent governmental assistance. EATS LLC is a "Social Enterprise" (Business entity that considers employees, vendors, customers as "stakeholders, as well as investors). They also qualify to have a pending "B-Corp certification" plan create an uplifting shopping experience for their customers and employees. Portions of the EATS LLC plan are viewable at @EATSGroceries.com

I look forward to working with the EATS LLC in the near future bringing enhanced healthy food choices to North Lawndale.

Sincerely,

Arthur Turner,  
 Representative, Illinois 9<sup>th</sup> District  
 Assistant Majority Leader