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STATE REPRESENTATIVE 78TH DISTRICT ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Thom Alcazar Founder EATS Groceries c/o <u>talcazar@EATSgroceries.com</u>

Dear Mr. Alcazar,

I am pleased to write this letter of support of the proposed development of EATS Groceries in our communities, to the City of Chicago Planning and Development. As a lifelong resident of the Chicago Westside, I am aware of the social needs and major barriers of the vicinity.

I support the EATS Groceries goal to eradicate food deserts in areas in the impoverished neighborhood of Chicago Westside, who has long had hard times. Elected officials have recognized a decrease in food deserts in Chicago and we want that number to continue to decline. The EATS Groceries store will introduce community development and be important to restore vacant property to caring use.

EATS Groceries is an enterprise committed to improving health outcomes, economic development, educate and offer employment on the Westside of Chicago. Their fundamental grocery experience in our underserved communities will offer health education to encourage healthy food choices at affordable cost. Eats Groceries community approach is favorable to opportunities for local resident employment and local vendor contracts. Their evolving market through technology proficiency delivers effective ways to assist citizens and presents meaningful and sustainable impacts on the communities.

I look forward to the opportunity to experience growth and positive initiatives in our communities.

Sincerely,

Camille Y. Lilly State Representative, 78<sup>th</sup> District