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F. Roy Schoenberg  
Cherry Street, LLC  
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250 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Martin and Mr. Schoenberg:

We are writing to you to express our deep concern about the planned closure of the Pathmark store at 227 Cherry Street on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. As the elected officials who represent this area, we know that Pathmark plays a crucial role in the lives of thousands of residents of this neighborhood, many of them elderly and low-income.

The Lower East Side community is already underserved when it comes to full service supermarkets offering fresh, affordable food. Our constituents would face a significant burden if they lost a grocery store in this location, which is the only affordable food option within a reasonable distance.

In 2007, when similar plans were proposed, our community rallied in support of our Pathmark. That urgent need remains today. If there is to be a new development at 227 Cherry Street, it is imperative that it include a low-cost, full service supermarket of comparable size to the current Pathmark. Further, we ask that Pathmark's closure be postponed until such a development is shovel-ready to prevent the unnecessary creation of a food desert.

It is our hope to work collaboratively with you and your companies to make this transition as seamless and beneficial as possible for the surrounding community residents. As such, we would like to set up a meeting to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Silver  
Member of Assembly

Scott Stringer  
Manhattan Borough President

Daniel Squadron  
State Senator

Margaret Chin  
Council Member