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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing for my husband and myself in regards to Hannaford's coming to Dover. We think it is a great idea. There are many reasons why we should have it come to our town:

1. It is about time people will have a choice on where to shop for food locally. We wouldn't have to go to Pawling or Poughkeepsie. We can keep the business in town. What about the people who don't drive, they have no choice of where to go. They are not going to pay an arm 'n a leg to have a taxi take them elsewhere when its too expensive for them, so they have no choice of where to go.

2. FreshTown is too expensive and doesn't have a wide variety of foods. You really can go to Pawling at Hannaford and buy the same things for less money. A lot of people we know are tired of the prices in FreshTown. FreshTown also doesn't live up to its name. There has been times I, myself would walk in and get something only to find it outdated. It happened more than once or even twice. Just last week I wanted a cake mix. I was in line ready to cash out when I noticed the top of the cake mix, "Best used before Apr. 2012". Its June. Nothing more needs to be said about that, of course, I got a different box. Their fruits and veggies are totally dried out and when can you actually buy yellow bananas. Ya want bananas for the next day, you probably should buy them a week ahead of time. People have said it is the management that gives FreshTown in Dover a bad name. They say the store in Amenia is better. I don't know because by the time I'm done even buying a few items in FreshTown, I'm already disgusted with the store. Thank God we do our big shopping elsewhere. A lot of people we know do their big shopping elsewhere also.

3. I was given this notice from a FreshTown employee, wanting me to respond to it regarding a meeting at the town hall to discuss it. They say to voice my opinion. They listed a few reasons why not to have Hannaford come to Dover. So we would like to respond to a few things on that list.

a. The proposal is not too big for our town. Its time to realize that there are a lot more people living in and around Dover or even travelling through it. Just look at the traffic especially at about 4:00 in the afternoon. Our small town is no longer small, consider it medium-size! Besides, be honest, there are people in the surrounding areas who would also benefit from having Hannaford's coming to Dover. You would have Amenia, Wassaic, Wingdale and possibly Millbrook coming to Dover to shop at Hannaford's. You don't just help out your own residents, you help out the surrounding towns with their residents. Would you want everyone to go to say Millbrook, if they had a Hannaford's built there? Its not going to really change the feel of a small town, just help it out.

b. FreshTown mentioned traffic issues in their notice. Well, do they realize how much they messed up when they had one entrance being one way and

the other entrance being the only exit. It takes forever to get out onto the road. If you had both entrances being exits, you would have a better chance on getting out. Besides, we both have seen people travelling from the south and entering in where its one way from the north. We think they need to settle their traffic problems first before worrying about someone else's. Besides how many accidents have there been since FreshTown changed their entrances?

c. FreshTown states in the notice about how Hannaford's would negatively impact Dover Knolls if they wanted to build a supermarket there. Problem solved, we'll take Hannaford's and they can have A&P!! Wouldn't FreshTown negatively impact Dover Knolls also??

d. FreshTown says Hannaford's is a regional size store which would negatively (again?) impact local businesses. This one really gets us going. The only place that will be negatively impacted by Hannaford is FreshTown. Realistically now, are you going to shop at Four Brothers, Subways or McDonalds? It could be positive for these businesses. Before someone shops, especially at Hannaford's, they may eat out at one of our fine restaurants. Gas Stations, I definitely don't shop at. You have Cumberlands and Renny's. First of all, Cumberlands is for milk or bread, a one stop shop, that's it. As for Renny's, the local residents that have been going there for years, you really think they are going to stop just because of Hannaford's. No way, Renny's is also a long time resident and is here to stay. Everyone loves Renny's...

The bottom line is we as well as many residents that we know and talk to would love to have another store to shop at for the main reason: CHOICE. Let us have a choice as where to shop locally. We are tired of expensive, outdated and no variety.

Sincerely
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