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To whom it may concern,

We would like to bring to your attention issues related to your proposal related to the Circle K station located at 49th and Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN.

Thirteen years ago Shell/Circle K proposed a similar plan, involving taking out the three mechanic bays and replacing with a convenience store. A public meeting was held with the neighbors who vehemently opposed the idea based on many concerns, including:

- 1) Commercial over reach in an historic, residential neighborhood
- 2) Safety concerns related to robberies that occur in similar gas stations with convenience stores
- 3) Vehicular congestion that already exists
- 4) Ingress and egress issues that already exist
- 5) Parking shortages that currently exist
- 6) Loitering and excessive foot traffic
- 7) Becoming a place of destination, rather than neighborhood serving
- 8) Storing of mulch, road salt etc., on the parking lot, downgrading the aesthetics of an historical, residential neighborhood

Ty Tarr and his father before him have operated an auto mechanic garage at this location for almost 37 years. He has provided a neighborhood serving business that does not affect the above concerns. Patrons appreciate his work, honesty, customer service and value of service. He has many loyal customers who regularly use his services for routine work such as oil changes, flat tires, etc., as well as major repairs. He is known for standing by his work, as well as his fairness in pricing.

Mr. Tarr's many patrons depend on him and find his location extremely convenient which is a value added perk in these hectic times. The ability to buy gasoline at this station before or after your car repairs is another perk. Circle K has a really unique, enviable situation and opportunity with this particular station being embedded in a prestigious, upper middle class, historic district. A convenience store is not something this predominantly residential community wants or needs.