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Daniel Brodsky
Chief Executive Officer
Brodsky Organization
400 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Brodsky:

I am writing on behalf of concerned community members regarding the imminent closure of one of the West Side's most affordable grocery stores, Western Beef, which is located on the ground floor of 75 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023, within my Manhattan Assembly district.

Loyal patrons and nearby residents were stunned to learn that Western Beef would be closing its doors to customers at the end of December 2020. For years, and particularly during the height of the pandemic, residents of both Amsterdam Houses and Amsterdam Houses Addition have relied on the proximity and affordability of Western Beef. Many neighbors have shared with me their fears over losing a beloved community staple.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shined a bright light on food insecurity on the West Side and throughout the City. While the details and reason for the closure are still unclear, the Brodsky Organization confirmed to a member of my staff that another supermarket would be taking over at Western Beef's location. At a time when people are struggling to put food on the table, it is crucial that affordable grocery options remain available. The West Side is not in need of another upscale boutique grocer or another niche store – the community desperately needs a full-service supermarket with lower price points to ensure that low-income New Yorkers can continue to afford food in the neighborhoods they live in and helped build.

I request a meeting with the Brodsky Organization to discuss the details of the closure and pending deal. My office will be in touch shortly. Should you wish to contact me, I can be reached at 212-873-6368 or at rosenthal@nyassembly.gov. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Rosenthal
Member of Assembly – 67th District