



NEW YORK STATE SENATE & ASSEMBLY



Rosalind Brewer
Chief Executive Officer
Walgreens
200 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, Illinois 60015

October 26, 2022

Re: Opposition to Store Closure at 670 Thurston Road

Dear Ms. Brewer:

We respectfully request you reconsider closing the Walgreens store located at 670 Thurston Road, Rochester, NY 14619. This store closure would create a pharmacy desert, which has been shown to further exacerbate existing health disparities within underserved communities.

The store is located in Rochester's Historic 19th Ward, which is home to Black and Brown families. This area is already struggling with high rates of poverty and a lack of access to community-based healthcare. The proposed closure will have a significant impact on patients' ability to continue receiving their prescriptions. Transferring their prescriptions to the nearest Walgreens two miles away from the current location is not an adequate solution.

In addition to hindering residents' access to medication, this will also cost jobs the area cannot afford to lose. While I understand it is not Walgreen's intent to create a pharmacy desert in this neighborhood, that is the effect.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this situation further and offer any way we may be of assistance in keeping this location open and accessible to community members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy A. Cooney".

Jeremy A. Cooney
56th Senate District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D.J. Meeks".

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137th Assembly District