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## Email Mayor Dan Devine

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**From:** [ajriek1970@icloud.com](mailto:ajriek1970@icloud.com)

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**Message:** May 18th, 2021

Dear Mayor Devine and City Counsel Members,

This is in regards to the proposed Amoco station to be located on the corner of 84th St. and Greenfield Ave.

We have lived in West Allis for 30 years and have never been able to buy beer/liquor at a gas station, drug store or Aldi. We have all (city residents) adjusted because there are more than enough other options to purchase alcohol. Established small businesses (many owned by ethnic minorities) rely on the sale of beer/liquor and the business it brings in. But how much is too much? How many alcohol displays should a kid see per day? Will the Walgreens across the street also be permitted to sell alcohol?

The Express Panty on 86th and Greenfield is an example of a minority owned convenience store that has been an important part of the community for as long as I can remember. It's gotten me out of a jam many times and the owners are great people that care about their neighborhood. They have updated their store recently and it seems unfair to potentially take away their business. This can't be how West Allis awards loyal business owners?

Also, are you aware that not everyone wants to be face to face with alcohol everywhere they go? Many people count on West Allis to provide them and their families with a safe option of not being confronted on a daily basis as they try to keep their sobriety. With alcohol abuse and the destruction it brings along with the devastating consequences of drunk driving, I think it would be shameful for West Allis to move in this direction. Especially while we are all still recovering from the effects of the Pandemic, which include a rise in mental health issues. We should be an example to other cities.

This is not even a good place for a gas station as the last one went out of business years ago and was never replaced until now it seems. There is NO way to go north from the station except by driving down 85th St. and making a LEFT turn onto 84th St. This may or may not be more dangerous to the people who live on 85th St. People exiting onto 84th St intending to go south will need to get across the right turn lane and then hope no one is in the south bound lane. The only way to really leave there is by going west down Greenfield Ave.

If people are going that way naturally, they can stop at the Express Pantry to get their beer/liquor which is just a few hundred feet down the road on the correct side of the street with a parking lot that is easy to enter and exit. People can even turn left on their way out to head back to the east bound freeway.

Please consider all this in your decision and I appreciate your

time.

Sincerely,

Amy and Tony Riek

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