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Hi,

I'm a Hamline Midway resident and I' writing to strongly urge the city to move forward with demolishing the vacant CVS at Snelling & University. For more than three years, this property has been a source of trash, vandalism, drug use, and safety hazards in our community. It has become a symbol of neglect and no longer serves our community.

Recently, the closure of Cub has left our neighborhood with fewer grocery options and created more of a food desert. The site of the CVS could provide the space for a much needed grocery store. Something community-minded like Mississippi Market would be incredible!

Regardless of what is done, I hope the city will prioritize redevelopment that benefits the community.

Thank you for considering the voices of residents who want to see this corner contribute to, rather than diminish, our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Kate and Steve Gernes
Hamline Midway Residents