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I live at 1454 Edmund Ave; 2 blocks east and 3 blocks north of the CVS at Snelling and University. Since the CVS closed, people congregate around the building, panhandling in front, smoking drugs in back, and making walking past, and even being in a car at that light, feel unsafe. We were once patrons of On's several times a month, but risking our safety getting to their location 1/2 block past the CVS has caused us to all but stop supporting that local business.

Our household uses public transportation, but due to the increased activity at that corner, we no longer feel safe getting on either the LRT or busses at Snelling and Uni. Frankly, we do pretty much everything to avoid that corner whether by car, bike or on foot.

This situation is similar to what was happening at BP at Hamline and University a few years ago - a situation that stopped the moment that the building was removed. Having seen the immediate improvement at that corner, I'm writing to request that the city take the steps necessary to demolish and remove the CVS building as soon as legally possible and apply the highest penalties to the owner in order to dissuade them from continuing this sort of neglect in St Paul and other communities.

Best -

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