



Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

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Dear Ms. Brown,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you with great concern regarding the recent announcement of the closure of the Walgreens store located in Parsons, West Virginia.

Upon learning about this closure, I have been contacted by Mayor Bruce Kolsum of Parsons, who expressed deep distress over the impact this closure will have on the community and the surrounding areas. As Mayor Kolsum articulated, the closure of this Walgreens store will have devastating effects on the local economy and significantly impact the accessibility of essential services for the residents, particularly the elderly and those dependent on this establishment for their pharmaceutical needs.

Furthermore, Mayor Kolsum informed me that the manager of the Parsons Walgreens indicated a lack of information regarding the reasons for the closure, stating they were unaware of the decision until recently. This sudden closure not only creates uncertainty but also leaves the community with a void in access to vital products and services, including pharmaceuticals and other essential items that are not readily available elsewhere in the vicinity.

Furthermore, as we discuss this closure, I must bring to your attention the significant development taking place in the vicinity. The construction of Corridor H (U.S. Route 48), a crucial 4-lane highway, is underway. This major infrastructure project will connect Parsons to its first 4-lane highway, bringing in a new era of enhanced connectivity and growth for the region.

The introduction of this new infrastructure emphasizes the evolving potential of Parsons and the surrounding areas. It underscores the necessity for consistent and reliable services to support the expected growth and to meet the needs of the communities along this developing corridor.

It deeply concerns me that amidst these promising developments, the decision to close the Parsons Walgreens was made. West Virginia does not view favorably the actions of major corporations cherry-picking the locations they wish to serve and subsequently leaving smaller communities without essential services. The closure of this crucial establishment seems counterintuitive to the progress and potential that the region is poised to experience.

Understanding the integral role that Walgreens plays in providing essential services to the residents of Parsons and the surrounding communities, I respectfully urge you to reconsider the decision to close the Parsons location. Preserving access to pharmaceuticals, especially for vulnerable populations, is crucial, and maintaining a national chain pharmacy in this area would significantly alleviate the hardships that closure would impose.

I kindly request your prompt attention and consideration of this matter. Your support in finding a solution that ensures continued access to essential services for the residents of Parsons and the surrounding regions would be immensely appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this pressing concern. I look forward to your response and hope for a favorable resolution that prioritizes the well-being of the affected communities.

Sincerely,

James C. Justice, II

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James C. Justice, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "J" and "C".

Governor, State of West Virginia