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Dear Mayor de Blasio;

I am writing to ask you if we can add Walmart stores to New York City. Because of their low prices, varied selection, and their ability to hire many New York City citizens, it can be a real benefit to our local economy. Low prices can help in the long run. According to the Wall Street Journal, a Lot of people “praise the retail chain” for making it possible for them “to afford usable goods”. This means that Walmart is helping the community in a big way. Another reason is the varied selection of products they offer. This means that local consumers would not have to travel to purchase multiple products such as electronic devices, car parts, groceries, and clothes. This is especially significant for citizens of the Rockaways, who live on an isolated peninsula and would have to pay a toll in many cases to find what they need.

Some people may argue that Walmart wouldn't be a good addition to our area. One reason they say this is because, according to a PBS documentary, Walmart has hired illegal citizens in the past to do things like clean after hours. Walmart was exposed to the public in 2003 and charged for these hiring illegal citizens, and seemed willing to pay a huge fine instead of hiring local workers for a living wage. Another criticism of Walmart is that they offer bad healthcare. Walmart is a highly regarded household name, a company that makes billions of dollars, but they have one of the worst health care policies for their workers. It is so bad, according to the New York Times, that the government will have to pay their employees' medical bills.

Mayor de Blasio, I hope you remember this: If Walmart can be convinced to change some of the policies I wrote about above, they will be a good addition to New York. In fact, Walmart will have more positive than negative effects on the people of New York City.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,