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> To Whom it May Concern:

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> We support the efforts to legalize picnic tables and the ice cream cart at Old Mill Grocery. Further, we support efforts to assist the current business's success in ways that allow them to service customers, that are not only fully reasonable, but repeated throughout town and have existed in that space for decades.

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> As 30+ year residents, (at one time beach residents), this business is a perfect example of the type of neighborhood hub, a small-town, charming place that our town is being stripped of. And it's indicative of why people moved, and still move, to Westport. It's a lovely, calm place to visit, with friendly staff and families all around, enjoying a bite and meeting one another. We just stopped there last weekend, while on a walk, and watched neighbors with small kids meeting other neighbors with similar aged kids. It made us feel so good. These places become a part of the fabric of a true community. This entity has been there for many years and is "known" so the end-around by a very few people should be shut down immediately. Strong-arm, special narcissistic interests threaten to change to flavor of our community. Please don't let that happen to Old Mill Grocery.

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