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Dear Ms. Patton,

I would like to thank you for attending my presentation at Rutgers University. The current situation of the Highland Park Food Pantry, while seemingly insignificant is of great importance to many residents of Highland Park and could ultimately lead to devastating repercussions.

As mentioned in the presentation, the main problem with food pantries and food banks is the algorithm, or rather lack thereof to distribute nutritive food amongst those who need it throughout the year. Due to the current unstable pattern of food distribution, those who need food will only get insubstantial (nutrition-wise) supplements instead, which increases the health risks that are posed by the food pantry. This leads to the idea that the food pantry itself could pose more of a health and nutrition risk than actually being part of a solution for hunger.

Where my previous letter focused on the problems with the original, in-place idea of the food pantry and the food bank currently, I now wish to focus on how this problem can be amended in Highland Park specifically, but also within the rest of the state. The plan I propose not only includes rejecting the current model of the food pantry/bank distribution, but also making amendments to the way the pantry/bank handles food acquisition, distribution, as well as notoriety.

I appreciate your time and dedication to this cause. Once again, if there are any questions or concerns, I have not already answered, please feel free to contact me at (732)-688-7125 or a.yellapantula@rutgers.edu

Thanking you sincerely,

Avantika Yellapantula