

Hello,

I'm a long time Andover resident. I grew up in this beautiful little town on Lakeside Drive where my parents still live. My wife and I would spend so much time in town visiting family, friends and neighbors that we recently moved back to the lake area in 2019. We look forward to starting our family here. Mostly because Andover in many ways is an idyllic little New England town. What's not idyllic or quintessential New England is Dollar General and their business model of heavily saturating areas, offering cheap throw away goods in substitute of quality. Chains destroy community charm and distinction. Dollar General can never be a Lunts Market. I'd love to see a new business that enhances our community come into town, not one that sends a message of an economically impoverished area. Dollar General's prey on poorer urban and rural communities, offering cheap and unhealthy food options to those with limited economic means. Aside from the unhealthy effects said food items have on a community, litter, and deterrence of better suited, healthier stores and markets are the byproducts. Is this the message we want sent to our residents and neighboring towns? Is this the best we can hope for? Please, I urge you to consider the long term effects an ill suited second rate chain store like this will have on a community like Andover.

Signed,

Concerned Resident (one of many)  
Eric Berry