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**Subject:** Walmart Eye Glass collection Partnership

Dear President Eberhard, I am writing you this letter with many concerns. Always the number one concern is membership. As you know as we served on membership together.

Two weeks ago I was approached by a Past District Governor complaining about the Walmart Eye Glass collection Partnership. Not being informed about the program I was not able to respond. It did not take me very long to find out on what was happening in MD 27 Wisconsin. After many phone calls from very many unhappy Lions whom have been collecting used eye glasses for more than 30 years and also helped LCI set up the eye glass collection centers.

Walmart replaced the local Lions Boxes with there own boxes and when the local Lions went to collect the glasses they where told that the could not have the glasses. Also some stores discarded the clubs boxes.

After receiving many complaints I had to investigate what was going on. My responds was Walmart was collecting the glasses sending them to a central point, then shipped to certain Lions recycle center and MD 27 Wisconsin center was not on the list.

This upset us Lions that are worried if the loss of Walmart's glasses if, we will be able to have enough glasses to fulfill or commitment to the many Eye Glass Missions

I PID Peter Cerniglia is also looking at this Partnership as poorly planned. We are constantly reminded about declining membership in Wisconsin. We all know that we don't lose members if we keep them involved in projects. Now what we did is take away a part of one of our most successful projects that goes along with our Mission to Mexico. It did not help community relations with Walmart.

I met with ID Jerry Smith this week end at MD 27 D2 District Convention where he was confronted on this matter He being on Service and Activates Committee he would be able to give us some answers. He told us that his committee didn't know about this until it was in place.

It seems like things have changed. Our programs are setup by staff not committee's

I'm afraid we will be losing more members if we keep taking away projects.

I ask you to have the Local Lions to Partner with the stores and still pickup the glasses.

Thank You For taking the time in reading this email.

Yous In Lionism

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