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Let \mathcal{B} be a collection of measurable sets in \mathbb{R}^n . The associated geometric maximal operator $M_{\mathcal{B}}$ is defined on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ by $M_{\mathcal{B}}f(x) = \sup_{x \in R \in \mathcal{B}} \frac{1}{|R|} \int_R |f|$. If $\alpha > 0$, $M_{\mathcal{B}}$ is said to satisfy a *Tauberian condition with respect to α* if there exists a finite constant C such that for all measurable sets $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ the inequality $|\{x : M_{\mathcal{B}}\chi_E(x) > \alpha\}| \leq C|E|$ holds. It is shown that if \mathcal{B} is a homothety invariant collection of convex sets in \mathbb{R}^n and the associated maximal operator $M_{\mathcal{B}}$ satisfies a Tauberian condition with respect to some $0 < \alpha < 1$, then $M_{\mathcal{B}}$ must satisfy a Tauberian condition with respect to γ for all $\gamma > 0$ and moreover $M_{\mathcal{B}}$ is bounded on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for sufficiently large p . As a corollary of these results it is shown that any density basis that is a homothety invariant collection of convex sets in \mathbb{R}^n must differentiate $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for sufficiently large p . (Received July 27, 2007)