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July 8, 2009

Ms. Judy Spires  
President  
Acme Markets, Inc.  
75 Valley Stream Parkway  
Malvern, PA 19355

Dear Ms. Spires:

It is my understanding that ACME Markets and the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1776 have been in extensive negotiations on a new contract for workers in southeastern Pennsylvania. I am also aware that on June 24, the UFCW members voted overwhelmingly to reject what Acme has characterized as its final offer. Acme Markets has now threatened to impose its proposal on July 10.

Implementing a proposal that has not been agreed upon poses further problems for Acme Markets, its employees, and consumers. While this economy has forced companies to make tough decisions regarding health and pension benefits of employees, it is in the best interests of employers to come to a mutually agreed contract that meets the needs of the company and the over 4,000 UFCW workers affected.

As the hard working men and women of UFCW 1776 continue to operate under an extension of their prior contract, which expired in early 2008, I urge Acme Markets to promptly continue its negotiations with UFCW 1776 until a contract is agreed upon.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Shapiro".

JOSHUA D. SHAPIRO  
State Representative  
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Cc: Wendell Young IV, President UFCW 1776