

June 19, 2009

Judy Spires
President, ACME Markets

Dear Ms. Spires:

ACME Markets has a long reputation in Pennsylvania as a good neighborhood employer and is known for the quality services your employees provide. I look forward to working with you when I represent the 6th District of Pennsylvania in the U.S. House of Representatives.

I write today to express my deep concern with the current contract negotiations, which impact tens of thousands of workers and their families in Pennsylvania. While I recognize the difficult nature of these negotiations, **I implore you to come back to the bargaining table with your workers.**

Your most recent offer could put thousands of jobs at risk in the coming years and endanger your employees' access to quality health care benefits. As a former member of the retail clerks, I know how critical job security, solid benefits, and quality health care are to working families.

It is my hope that a final agreement can be reached that will recognize the contributions your workers have made to make ACME an iconic name in the industry. However, to reach such an agreement, which upholds ACME's strong reputation in our communities, you must come back to the bargaining table to negotiate.

Especially in the middle of an economic crisis, I worry about the impact of a lockout on the regional economy. A lockout is not in the best interest of ACME, your workers, or Pennsylvania.

For all these reasons, I hope you will be able to reach an agreement that is in the best interests of your company, your workers, and Pennsylvania shoppers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Pike". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Doug Pike
Candidate for U.S. Congress, 6th District