

Ms Spires:

I read in the Philadelphia Inquirer yesterday that one of your employees asked you a question when you were visiting a store recently and you did not answer her. I would like to pose the same question. Would you ask your father (the Teamster) to sign the contract you are trying to force on your employees at Acme? I have another question, would he as an active Teamster have voted for it? What would he say if he was asked to give up all the things you are asking people to give up? Would he go the length of a contract with no increase in pay rate? What would your family have done when you were a kid if this happened to him?

Ms Spires, I shop in your Flourtown, PA store and have for many years. I talk to your employees when I shop. They are real people with real families, much like the family you grew up in I would think. I would like to continue shopping at that store but I cannot as long as Supervalu is taking the position you are taking. It is destructive to those employees and to their families. The fact that you say you will not negotiate is really offensive to me. I urge you, Ms Spires, to re-evaluate your position and go back to the bargaining table and negotiate a fair contract with them. Remember your union roots and what that meant to your family. Why do you expect your employees to settle for less?

Lois H. Liddell
Flourtown, PA Shopper.