

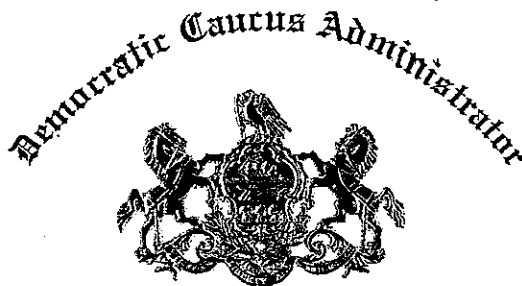
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REPLY TO:



Senate of Pennsylvania
July 2, 2009

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LAW & JUSTICE
STATE GOVERNMENT

Ms. Judy Spires, President
ACME Markets, Inc
75 Valley Stream Parkway
Malvern , PA 19355-0710

Dear Ms. Spires;

We the undersigned members of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, collectively represent the City of Philadelphia and some of its surrounding communities. Longer than any of us can remember ACME has been a part of the lives of our constituents. Most of them have shopped at their neighborhood ACME either regularly or at least from time to time. Many of our constituents work or have worked for ACME Markets, in fact if you live in Philadelphia; you, a relative, or a friend has worked or works for ACME Markets. That is why we are so distressed to hear of your threat to terminate your contract with UFCW 1776 on July 10, 2009.

UFCW 1776 has been a part of our community as long as ACME has and its leaders and members have been among Philadelphia's most active citizens. The union and its members are not only involved in political causes but charities and community organizations as well. Unionized ACME workers are among the core of citizens who help to anchor many Philadelphia communities. They and their union brothers and sisters are always there when we call. Philadelphia and the Commonwealth are experiencing hard economic times. Budgets are stressed, unemployment is high and capital is difficult to find. We must find ways to work together to maintain and hopefully improve the quality of life that we want to see for our communities.

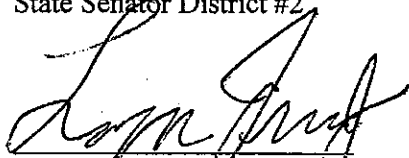
A unilateral implementation of your contract demands and a lockout of your workers at this time would cause great hardship for not only your company and the locked out workers but the larger community as well. Shoppers would have to travel greater distances or pay higher prices at neighborhood stores, this will be especially difficult hard for seniors, the sick, the unemployed and those living on less.

We urge you to remain at the bargaining table and negotiate a fair and balanced contract with UFCW 1776 for the sake of our great city and region. Please do not put arbitrary deadlines ahead of the well being of our Community.

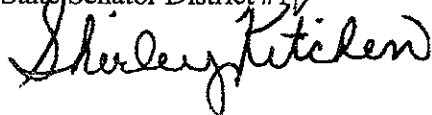
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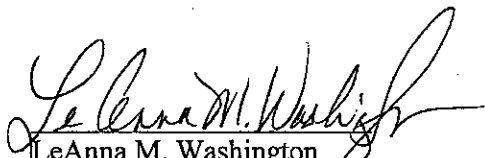
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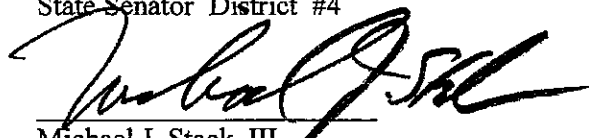
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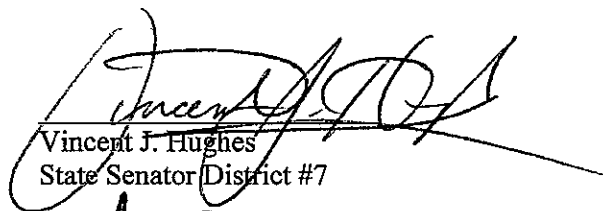
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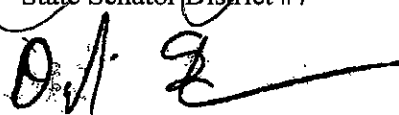
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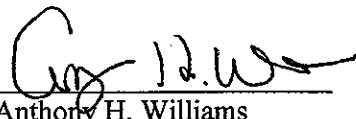
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