

**CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2011**

July 1, 2009

Ms. Judy Spires  
President  
ACME Markets, Inc  
75 Valley Stream Parkway  
Malvern, PA 19355-1406

Dear Ms. Spires,

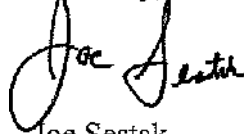
I am writing to express my concern for the thousands of area members of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) Local 1776 employed with ACME Markets and the tens of thousands of customers that are proudly served by them in my District and the region. I am troubled by your reported intent to terminate your contract with UFCW 1776 on July 10, 2009. I am committed to helping businesses weather the current economic storm; however, they must respect the hard-working employees who make them great.

Reports that you have decided to implement a lockout of your workforce, if true, would not only cause your workers great hardship, but also place a strain on your company and the community at a difficult time. Your customers, including seniors, the disabled, and the increased number of unemployed, will be forced to travel greater distances for their essential nutritional needs, placing further strain on their already devastated budgets.

Remaining at the bargaining table and negotiating a fair and balanced contract with UFCW 1776 not only seems to make long-term sense for ACME, but also is important for your employees, customers, and the area economy. Therefore, I urge you to not execute arbitrary deadlines. As we fight through this economic storm, the survival of innumerable businesses and countless middle class Americans is at risk. I ask for your support in helping confirm the core values of hard work, accountability, transparency and fairness that ACME has been famous for over several generations. Through this difficult time, every business and employee must keep the faith with one another. We are all in this together.

Do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance in resolving this very difficult problem. My personal cell is (202) xxx-xxxx.. You may also contact my schedulers Marian Grove at (202) 225-2011 or Brittany Larson at (610) 892-8623.

Sincerely,



Joe Sestak  
Member of Congress

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