



# STEAMFITTERS LOCAL UNION 420

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Judith Spires, President  
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Via Facsimile @ 610-644-6814  
And UPS Next Day Letter

Dear Ms. Spires and Mr. Dosenbach:

I am writing this letter in support of your **Unionized** Acme Employees of UFCW Local 1776.

It is my understanding that the employees are willing to work under the current Agreement, while negotiations take place on a new contract. We are being told that Acme wants to terminate the current Agreement and implement its last and final offer, which was voted down 9 to 1 by the employees, therefore technically locking out your **Union Work Force**.

I represent 4500 Members of Steamfitters Local Union 420 and their families, who reside in the Tri-County Area and religiously shop at Acme Markets.

My family and I have been shopping at Acme all of my life and I have a Sister-in-Law who starting working with the Union Force at Acme, when she was 16 years old, working her way up to management positions and is currently a District Manager. We call her "Miss Acme"; don't even think of shopping somewhere else as far as she is concerned, she actually goes through your house to see where you have been shopping. She is a 7 day 24 hour Acme Employee and I have never seen a harder worker or more dedicated Employee.

Acme Markets **have always paid** their Employees fair wages, a good pension and health care benefits, which we all need today, in order to support our families and we hope that you continue to do so.

As a Union, we tell our members to shop only at Union Markets. Acme for me has deep ties because of my family.

We hope that you continue to negotiate with the UFCW to finalize a fair and equitable Agreement with both parties and to continue to use your unionized work force, so that we can encourage our members and their families to continue to shop at Acme Markets

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Gallo  
Business Manager  
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