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Bruce W. Both, President
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Dear President Both:

I have been informed that the members of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1500 are currently negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement. I understand these agreements cover over 16,000 members of your union who work for Pathmark, Stop and Shop, King Kullen and Gristedes. I want you to know that the 1.3 million members of the New York City Central Labor Council stand in solidarity with you, your staff and the membership of UFCW Local 1500 as you seek a fair and just settlement.

Throughout the metropolitan New York area, UFCW Local 1500 has a strong reputation as a reasonable union that seeks to provide its members an excellent quality of life. I know that all you want for your members is an agreement that will provide for them and their families in the form of fair wages, benefits and job security.

The NYC Central Labor Council has followed UFCW Local 1500 and seen how it has become a partner with the food industry in supporting legislation that promotes new supermarkets in underserved communities. To that end, you have asked the CLC to support legislation that will benefit the supermarket business and its employees and to oppose other legislation that may unfairly burden its efforts to produce profits and increase its growth potential.

Due to this type of partnership, the supermarket industry has benefited greatly. Companies must now recognize that the time has come to provide for their employees through their union contract.

I have instructed the staff at the CLC to assist your union in every way possible to ensure a settlement that meets the goals of your union. We stand ready to do whatever is necessary to encourage a fair settlement. Through good faith negotiations, I am sure your union will prevail. My solidarity with you and your union can be counted on throughout this process.

Please feel free to reach out to me or my staff if you require any other assistance and to keep me up to date on the progress of negotiations.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John T. Ahern
President

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