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The Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

On Monday December 13, 2010, The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, better known as A&P Supermarkets, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. A&P is the parent company to Pathmark Stores, a chain of supermarkets that employs over 5,500 United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1500 union members. Additionally, A&P is the parent to Waldbaums, Food Emporium and Food Basic stores. Various other UFCW local unions represent these workers. Combined, these companies have over 30 locations throughout New York City.

This is a devastating development not just for thousands of workers and their families, but also for all New York City consumers who patronize these grocery stores. These supermarkets provide dozens of communities with the three basic building blocks necessary for economic prosperity: good food, good jobs and good health.

As Mayor of the New York City, you have been on the forefront of supermarket development in New York City. Through your efforts to pass the innovative F.R.E.S.H. program you have shown that you understand the importance of a successful and growing supermarket industry and all the benefits it brings to New Yorkers.

I would like to request a meeting with you to discuss this crisis. I ask that members of my staff, as well as representatives of A&P, be permitted to attend this meeting.

This is a crisis that will have a tremendous negative effect on the economy of New York City should we begin to see mass store closings and/or employee layoffs.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Bruce W. Both
President, UFCW Local 1500