



July 31, 2014

Sherry Nolan-Schultz Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer Natural Markets Food Group One Bridge Street, Suite 3 Irvington, NY 10533

Dear Ms. Nolan-Schultz:

As representatives of the West Village, we are writing to express our concern over Mrs. Green's Natural Market's approach to labor relations in your new store at 585 Hudson Street.

We look forward to having another organic market in the West Village that will provide another option for our constituents seeking healthy food. However, we believe that all businesses operating in the neighborhood should be law-abiding and provide good, well-paying jobs that will help us continue to build a strong middle class and a healthier New York.

The opportunity for workers to organize, free from retaliation or intimidation, is a wellestablished right in American law. We are troubled by media reports of Mrs. Green's apparent violation of federal labor law in response to an attempt by some of your Westchester employees to organize a union. The possibility that a business in our district may violate its employees' legal rights gives us significant pause. Therefore, we urge Mrs. Green's to provide all employees of the new Hudson Street store with an intimidation-free environment, in which they can freely exercise their right to organize if they are so inclined.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue, please contact Max Markham in Senator Hoylman's office at (212) 633-8052.

Respectfully,

Brad Hoylman

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