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Best Market  
Attn: Rebecca Philbert  
1 Lexington Avenue  
Bethpage, NY 11714

Dear Ms. Philbert:

With headquarters in Bethpage, and 9 stores with about 800 employees throughout Nassau, Best Market is an established business in our communities here in the County. I am writing today to respectfully urge you to listen to your employees who have come together in an effort to improve their jobs through higher wages, safer working conditions, and equitable benefits. Making Best Market a better market will lead to a more engaged workforce, better customer interactions, increased economic activity regionally, and ultimately a more productive business and stronger County for us all.

Your hard-working employees are looking to improve the quality of their work environment with better wages, better working conditions, and better benefits. We ask you to respect their federally-protected right to rally for fair labor standard practices.

My administration has made it a priority to increase economic development and improve the quality of life for our constituents. Employment opportunities with sub-par wages and a lack of proper benefits, or benefits that are paid for by using large percentages of their take-home wages, hurt those looking to live and raise their families in the area. Supermarket jobs in Nassau are historically steady lifelong careers with benefits for our residents. Employers that offer poor wages and benefits contribute to the underemployment of our residents, thus stunting economic growth in the area.

It is time for Best Market to align yourself with the majority of our businesses, supermarkets in particular, in Nassau that provide safe working conditions, and good wages and benefits. Thank you for giving your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to further communication and a positive outcome in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Curran".

Laura Curran  
Nassau County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Skinner, Jr.".

John J. Skinner, Jr.  
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