

Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Wille as of Friday, June 2, 2023 and contains a message concerning the Kroger-Albertsons merger. This hotline and other important information for our members can also be found on our website at www.ufcw1262.org.

Local 1262 joins the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, hundreds of other UFCW Locals and numerous other trade unions and citizens groups nationwide to **oppose** the \$25 BILLION planned merger between Kroger and Albertsons, two of the nation's largest supermarket companies.

Our opposition to this merger is simple – it poses a threat to supermarket workers jobs, their families, and the communities in which these giants operate.

For instance, a recent analysis by the Economic Policy Institute found that the merger will lower wages for 746,000 grocery store workers in over 50 metropolitan areas of the U.S. Even worse – due to the lack of competition the merger would create -- grocery workers could lose more than \$300 million dollars in wages each year.

In total, this merger would result in lost wages and would negatively impact wages for all grocery workers - regardless of whether or not they are employed by Kroger or Albertsons.

It should also be noted that despite research done by the Economic Policy Institute and other groups which has been released to the public, Kroger and Albertsons refuse to supply any public documentation about the impact their merger would have on jobs and local communities in which they operate.

Local 1262 is closely monitoring this merger and the related impacts it would have on ALL UFCW members nationwide and we will continue to update our members via this hotline and our website.

As always, it is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your President.

That concludes this hotline.

Please ask your fellow Local 1262 Brothers and Sisters to join Local 1262's texting program.

Simply text UPDATES1262 to 83071.

Concerns At Your Workplace?

Contact your Union Representative at 1-800-562-6913 (from New Jersey)

or 1-800-526-7814 (from other states).

We are here for you seven days a week.

FOR WEBSITE ADD: You can also listen to this message by calling Local 1262's Information Hotline at 888-438-1262.