



January 31, 2011

To: Members of the Legislature's labor and Public Employees Committee
Subject: Reject HB-5460 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings

On behalf of The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, I am writing to you concerning HB-5460 "An Act Concerning Captive Audience". The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company is one of the largest employers in the state of Connecticut with more than 12,400 full and part-time union associates. We are a proud company that offers good benefits to all of its employees. We operate 86 stores in the state of Connecticut where we would like to grow and continue to be part of the communities in the state.

The proposed bill would be very harmful to our workforce; it would prohibit us from communicating to our associates beneficial information, such as wages, employee benefits and other terms and conditions of employment. This would negatively impact our ability to implement the terms of the current collective bargaining agreements as well.

This proposal will also prohibit the Company from conducting its annual charitable programs such as The Food for Friends which supports local food pantries and food banks throughout the state. Our annual Triple Winner/Jimmy Fund Program that raises funds to support research to combat childhood cancer. We strive to support and give back to the communities in which Stop & Shop operates and thousands of our associates are committed to these efforts.

We strongly urge you not to support this bill. Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Scavetta".

Gail Scavetta

Vice President Human Resources and Labor Relations