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Craig Herkert
CEO and President
Supervalu Corporate Headquarters
11840 Valley View Road
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344

Russell Regan
President
UFCW Local 791
55 Norfolk Avenue
South Easton, MA 02375

Dear Mr. Herkert and Mr. Regan:

I am well aware of the current labor dispute between UFCW Local 791 and the Methuen distribution center for Shaw's supermarkets. I am writing because I have great faith in the collective bargaining process and very much hope that the parties continue to affirm their obligations under the National Labor Relations Act to bargain in good faith in order to resolve this dispute.

I have asked Joanne Goldstein, my Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, to meet with either or both of you, as well as the employees who are out on strike to see if my Administration can provide any assistance to your organizations or the individuals.

I am aware that the six-week strike has directly affected 300 Massachusetts families, who have recently lost access to their health insurance benefits. While I appreciate the difficulty of the situation, I strongly urge both parties to continue to bargain and resolve their differences at the bargaining table quickly and fairly. Doing so will allow Shaw's to focus on running its supermarkets while allowing the striking employees to return to good paying jobs at Shaw's.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy P. Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".