

To whom it may concern,

I have worked for P&C for 30 years and for Tops since February 2010. I feel that a human spin should be put to your decision to sell 7 of the former P&C stores. I don't know the geographic's or demographics of the other 5 stores, but the long in short of it, regarding the 2 Ithaca stores, needs to be brought to your attention. The store location that I work at, East Hill Plaza, has a customer base spanning up to or over 30 miles with no competition on East Hill and an employee base of 76 employees. The Cayuga Mall P&C sits within 1,000 feet of an already existing Tops. To close both stores would be ridiculous. For decades there have been 3 P&C's and 2 Tops and 1 very large Wegmans. Eliminating the Cayuga Mall P&C and allowing us to absorb its 30 plus employees into the remaining 2 Tops and the East Hill Plaza P&C/Tops would still keep the competition to 3 Tops in town. As in the past there have been 3 P&C's and 2 Tops, as 2 stores will then have been eliminated.

In having worked for P&C for 30 years, I, as in everyone else in the stores, have created a life not dependent on government subsidies, kickbacks or unemployment (welfare.) We have always worked our way through life. I currently have a son in college that I am paying for (no grants) and my in-laws (both 84) are living outback of my home in a county approved elder cottage, as we are their primary care givers. The insurance benefits I have occurred through the union for my wife and I are now a necessity as she has yearly visits to the Elizabeth Wendy Breast Clinic in Rochester and I myself am now on a 5 year colonoscopy follow up.

In closing, I pray that you would rethink the huge impact your decision would have on the 400 plus jobs that selling these certain stores would have on those of us who pay our own way through life.

Thank you,

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