

August 22, 2010

Federal Trade Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N>W.  
Washington, DC 20580

RE: FTC File No. 101-0074  
Tops Markets Divestiture of Seven Penn Traffic Stores

Dear Secretary:

The Western New York area was blessed and relieved when Tops stepped forward to purchase the Penn Traffic Stores that were about to meet their demise due to bankruptcy. It was a blessing because the Penn Traffic store on Rochester Rd., Lockport, NY serves an entirely different group logistically than the Tops Transit Road store.

Why would the Federal Trade Commission want to see businesses such as this closed? Are you not for the working people as long as the stores are turning a profit and serving customers in their areas? Your decision is totally counterproductive to this economy and disastrous to this area. Your decision is irresponsible. The store on Rochester Road has been there for over 50 years; beginning with Bells IGA and then Penn Traffic. It serves the outlying area of Gasport, NY and Middleport, NY as well as Lockport, NY.

Please reevaluate and reconsider.

Very truly yours. 

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