



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:

I am writing to let you know that I am not in favor of your decision to force Tops Markets to divest seven Penn Traffic stores. Your order that requires Tops to sell seven Penn Traffic supermarkets to an FTC-approved buyer within three months is hurting a company that has saved so many good paying jobs in our area. Requiring Tops to facilitate the sale and operation of the seven supermarkets in Bath, Cortland, Ithaca (two stores), and Lockport, New York; and Sayre, Pennsylvania (two stores) will result in 450 hard-working men and women being on the street and in the unemployment line.

The FTC should reconsider the decision because it does not protect the consumer one bit; in fact prices have come down since Tops purchased the store I shop in. Tops did the right thing by purchasing the bankrupt Penn Traffic stores; they protected workers' pensions, and health care. Now, this decision hurts the consumer, the company and the employees. Please reconsider this detrimental decision.

Very truly yours,

*Over 50 years ago, my husband, Bruce J. Welton (now deceased) was Supervisor of the Town of Lockport. He was instrumental in establishing a much needed supermarket on the east side of Lockport. Because of the increase in population on this side of town, this supermarket with its pharmacy is still a very necessary part of our community.*

Signature

ALVERA E. WELTON

Printed Name

*Please keep this store OPEN!*