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,

I understand your reluctance to grant Tops a "monopoly" in the area. However, a supermarket is needed at this Quality location, regardless. It is much further for me to travel to any other supermarket.

Signature

Mary Hemingway
Printed Name

Address, City, State, Zip