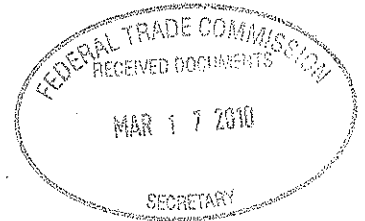


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Subj: Public Comments on Trustee's Proposal for Sale of Portland, Maine, Store  
Under Whole Foods Market Inc. Divestiture Order

Dear Secretary,

I am writing in support of converting the old Wild Oats store, owned by Whole Foods on Marginal Way in Portland, Maine, to a Trader Joe's. I moved to Maine 2 years ago from Massachusetts where I was a dedicated patron of the Trader Joe's in Shrewsbury, MA. I soon discovered that the nearest Trader Joe's for me is over an hour away in Massachusetts. There are none in New Hampshire or Maine. I currently shop at Whole Foods in Portland. They have no real competition in the area. Bringing Trader Joe's to Portland will help keep prices competitive. Also, Trader Joe's offers items that I can't get at Whole Foods. Twice a year I make the trek to Massachusetts to shop at Trader Joe's.

Therefore, I am fully supportive of this transfer of property from Whole Foods to Trader Joe's, and I am very excited about making one trip to Portland and being able to shop at both stores which will be within a 1/2 mile of each other.

Respectfully, /

Scott Hildebrand