Joint UFCW/RWDSU Statement to Members on Beginning of Auction for A&P Stores

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A multi-day auction to sell A&P stores that have not yet been purchased began this morning.

Representatives from UFCW and RWDSU Local Unions and UFCW International are advocating strongly at this auction for stores to be bought by new owners who will not repeat the mistakes of the past.

We stand ready to partner with responsible companies who understand the tremendous value that your hard work and dedication brings to these stores.

We are making the case to everyone that UFCW and RWDSU members are totally committed to the communities they serve and can be depended upon to give their customers the better grocery store that they’ve been waiting for.

With your talents and with the right management in place, we are confident that these stores can be successful.

If your store is not sold to an entity that will operate as a grocery store and employ you, you and your families should know that we stand ready to help in every way possible.

This week, we will begin hosting resource fairs in New York and New Jersey, and partnering with the Department of Labor in Pennsylvania to help everyone obtain the tools they need to get back on their feet.

We have also launched a website, ufcwmemberresources.com, where you can find quick access to information about job fairs, career trainings, job postings, and all other state, federal, and local benefits available to anyone who has been displaced by the A&P bankruptcy.

We are committed to providing you and your families with everything you need to endure this crisis and move forward into better lives.

As always, please feel free to contact your Local Union if you have questions or would like information about additional resources that may be available to you.

In solidarity,
John R. Durso
President