

Kemp Mill Civic Association

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Barry F. Scher
Vice President, Public Affairs
Department 599
Giant Food Inc.
6300 Sheriff Rd.
Landover, MD 20785

Re: Future of Giant Supermarket Location at Kemp Mill Shopping Center

Dear Mr. Scher:

As we discussed when we spoke earlier this month, I am writing as president of the Kemp Mill Civic Association ("KMCA") to convey to Giant Food Inc. ("GFI") the importance to the community of the Giant supermarket located at Kemp Mill Shopping Center, on Lambertson Drive, in Silver Spring, MD. The KMCA represents over 1600 households in the Kemp Mill area, including areas immediately adjacent to the shopping center which rely on the Giant supermarket as their primary source of grocery items.

The Kemp Mill Giant serves an important purpose in providing ready access to vital grocery and related needs for the large elderly and disabled populations living very near to the store. Without the Giant, those populations would face, for many, an impossible challenge in accessing another, more distant supermarket. In addition, the Kemp Mill Giant admirably caters to the needs of an extremely diverse community, providing a variety of items that at times are not readily available elsewhere.

Several residents of our community have expressed concern to me regarding the future of the Kemp Mill Giant. In order to respond to those concerns and to dispel unfounded rumor or uncertainty, I am writing to ask you to confirm that there is no intention to close or scale back the Kemp Mill Giant and that GFI intends that the store remain open for the foreseeable future. In that regard, we also would urge GFI to consider expanding the Kemp Mill Giant to bring it more into line with some of its other flagship facilities in the area. Doing so would ensure that the Kemp Mill Giant remains a vital and vibrant example of GFI's commitment to the area.

In sum, Giant is a valued and important partner to the Kemp Mill community, and we look forward to it continuing and expanding that role in the future. I greatly appreciate your courtesy and responsiveness during our conversation and look forward to hearing from you further on this topic.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Behnam Dayanim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "D".

Behnam Dayanim
President, KMCA

cc: Kemp Mill Civic Association