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Since the day the proposed merger of Kroger and Albertsons was announced, our local unions and members have been taking action to protect our stores, our jobs, and our customers. Keeping you all informed during this process has been a priority. Since May, members, community and allies across the country have been working hard as part of the “Stop the Merger Coalition" to convince the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that this merger is a bad deal for everyone.

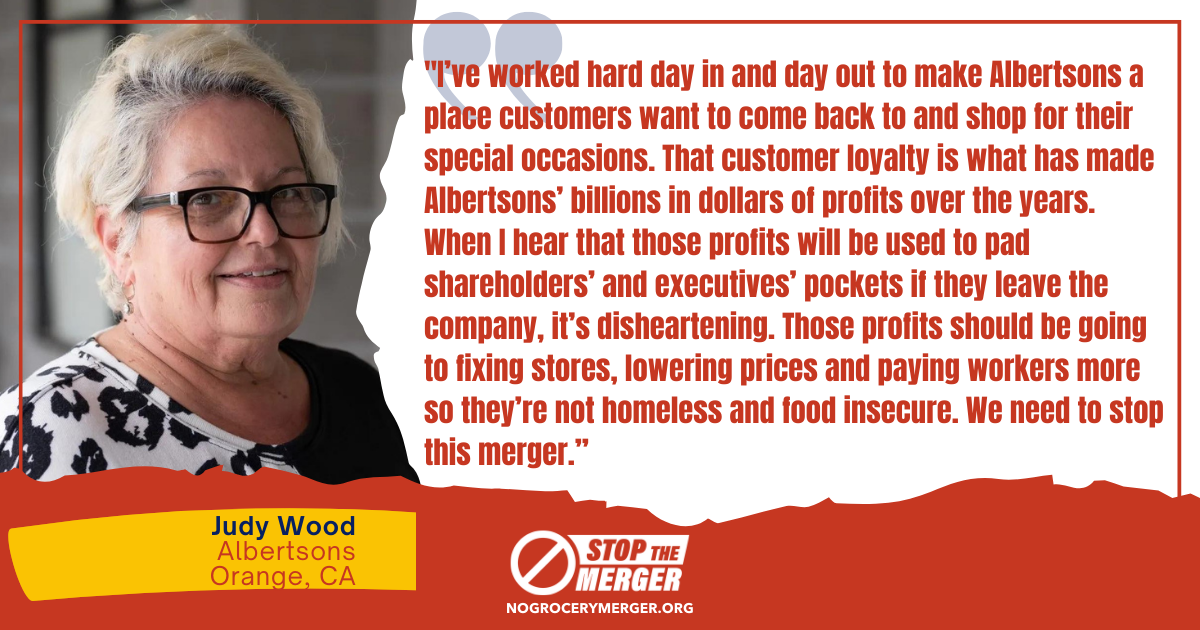
**We need you to take action today!**

**Tell your legislator to vote Yes on SB 725 to provide workers with one week of severance pay for each year of service if their store is closed because of a merger or acquisition.** [**Take one minute and send an email to your Legislator so they know this issue is important to you.**](https://fastdemocracy.com/campaigns/bj9n7tfWa/Essential-Grocery-Workers-Urge-Support-for-Senate-Bill-725--Smallwood-Cuevas----Safety-Net-for-Groce)

**Here's a brief snapshot of what we've been doing this summer** to oppose the devastating proposed merger between Kroger and Albertsons**:**

* **Getting the Word Out:** spreading the word through social media, press releases, and community events. Members have been letting everyone know why this merger is a major problem, including a threat to jobs, competition, higher prices, and how it will hurt our local communities.
* **Talking to Decision-Makers:** advocating with policymakers in the federal government and state Attorneys General in California, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, DC, and many more to ensure they understand our concerns. UFCW Members are [testifying](https://vimeo.com/790951439#t=16m26s), [sharing stories](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6vCyourm6E&t=1887s), and [making sure your voices are heard](https://www.nogrocerymerger.com/press-releases/7-23-2023) where it counts. The[news coverage has been massive](https://www.nogrocerymerger.com/news) and important in getting our stories out to the public.
* **Making Our Case:** UFCW members are leading the fight to show federal and state policymakers that prioritizing the impact on grocery store workers is paramount to a thriving network of grocery stores in our local communities. Without workers’ lives being a primary consideration, the ones who benefit will be the Kroger and Albertsons executives. Albertsons owners already took nearly $4 billion out of the company and now are looking to cash in with a [$146 million golden parachute](https://boisedev.com/news/2023/07/05/albertsons-sankaran-pay/).
* **Taking It to the Streets:** promoting rallies, petitions, and meetings. We're making sure our communities know what's at stake and getting them involved. [We've joined forces with other groups](https://www.nogrocerymerger.com/supporters) like farmers, community allies, and consumer advocates who are also worried about this merger. The more people we have on our side, the stronger our message becomes.

Our fight isn't over. Your involvement is crucial to our success. For example, by adding your stories of harm from past mergers, we are forcing the FTC to take notice that the people who are hurt most by these mega-mergers are the workers and the communities they serve.

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**The FTC has the power to block this merger.** [**Take action now by sending a message to the FTC to let them know we stand united in opposition to the Kroger/Albertsons merger.**](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-federal-trade-commission-stop-the-kroger-albertsons-mega-merger-now?source=NoGroceryMerger.org)

We'll keep you posted as the fight continues. In the meantime, talk to your Union Rep or Steward to learn how you can be more involved.