



On October 13th, 2022, it was announced that Kroger and Albertsons would pursue a \$24.6 billion mega-merger, joining together two of the largest grocery chains in the United States.

Both of these chains have stores and manufacturing facilities in nearly every state, employing over 700,000 workers across their numerous banners.

This mega-merger would drive out competition, increase prices, create food deserts, and put jobs at risk.

It must be stopped.

LESS COMPETITION IN THE GROCERY INDUSTRY WILL LEAD TO:



**Higher Prices
For Customers**



**Workers Losing
their jobs**



**Farmers and suppliers
unable to sell their products**

- **Kroger is the largest full-service grocery chain** in the US and second to only Walmart in grocery sales.
- **Albertsons is the fourth largest grocery chain** in the US.
- Both of these chains have **retail footprints in nearly every state** and most major metropolitan areas.
- **They employ over 700,000 workers across their numerous banners**, with over 50 manufacturing facilities and 5,000 retail stores.

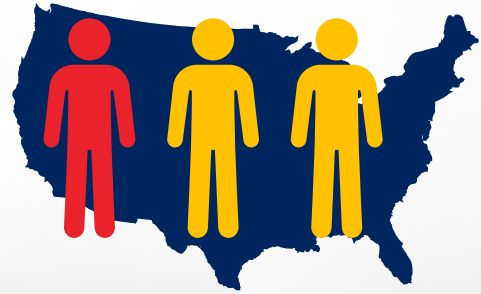
“My town only has two standalone grocery stores. If one closes and we only have one option, it will be a monopoly which means this new grocery company could raise food prices to exorbitant amounts. If the prices for essential goods go up, how are people who are lower income or middle income going to be able to survive? Many people who work at my store live paycheck to paycheck, including parents with small children and single moms.”

– Michelle Freitas, UFCW Local 7 Member from Safeway, Gunnison, Colorado

“The 2015 Albertsons and Haggen deal left many workers scrambling around. After Haggen went bankrupt and shut down my store, I applied for work at four different stores. I wasn’t able to get a job for three months and I had to take side jobs as a seamstress and cleaning houses to make ends meet. That merger caused me a lot of anxiety. No worker should go through this kind of hardship again.”

– Christina Robinett, Vons, Ojai, CA

Over 300,000 UFCW members work for Kroger and Albertsons nationwide.



That means **one in every three members in the United States works for one of these two companies.**



If this merger goes through, the resulting company will become the largest supermarket by revenue in the United States with a current national market share of 36% and a combined annual sales of more than \$200 billion.

From 1993 to 2019, the number of grocery stores nationwide declined by roughly 30 percent and as history has shown us, past supermarket mergers have struggled within months of being separated and ultimately failed.



It’s clear that these companies care more about profits than their workers and communities.

Join our coalition of workers, community advocates and elected officials to protect our communities from the harmful impacts of this proposed mega-merger.

Help us in our fight against corporate greed at

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