

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Lina Khan
Chair, Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Chair Khan,

I'm writing to you to join a chorus of Alaskans in asking that the Federal Trade Commission intervene to block the proposed merger of Kroger and Albertsons. This merger could have significant negative impacts across the country, but particularly in Alaska, where Kroger and Albertsons are by far the largest grocery providers for major areas of the state.

Alaska already has an incredibly concentrated grocery store market, and potential divestments of stores resulting from the merger would threaten both competition and basic food security in many communities across the state. The five largest jurisdictions by population in Alaska are Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Kenai-Soldotna. In each of these communities, Fred Meyer (Kroger) and Carrs (Albertsons) are the primary competitors selling groceries and household goods.

If the proposed merger goes through, store closures and reduced competition could result in a significantly reduced competition, or even a near-monopolistic landscape in a state that already has some of the highest costs of living in the United States.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to exercise the Federal Trade Commission's authority and block this anticompetitive proposed merger.

Sincerely,



Mary Sattler Peltola
Representative for All Alaska