

**Mr. Steven A. Burd  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
Safeway Inc.  
5918 Stoneridge Mall Road  
Pleasanton CA 94588-3229**

**Dear Mr. Burd:**

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Sincerely,



Bill Richardson



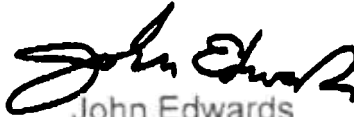
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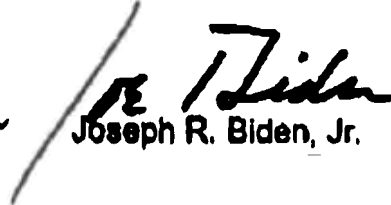
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**Mr. Jeffrey Noddle  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
SuperValu Inc.  
Post Office Box 990  
Minneapolis MN 55440-0990**

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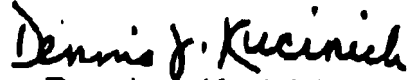
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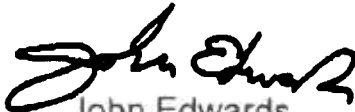
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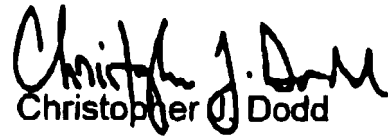
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Mr. David B. Dillon  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Kroger Company  
1014 Vine Street  
Cincinnati OH 45202-1119

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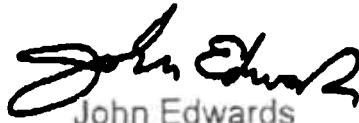
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