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UFCW 7 THANKS ALBERTSONS AND SAFEWAY STORES FOR EXTENDING HERO PAY FOR ESSENTIAL GROCERY WORKERS

Albertsons and Safeway Announced Friday an Extension of Appreciation Pay for Colorado and Wyoming, a \$2/hour Bonus for Frontline Essential Workers

DENVER – Today, Albertsons and Safeway stores in Colorado and Wyoming will continue to provide all employees the \$2/hour Hero Pay through May 30. The representatives also committed to evaluate additional extensions as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

In a letter thanking [Safeway/Albertsons](#) Store Presidents, Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, wrote:

"I want to thank and commend you for being a leader in the industry by extending the company's Appreciation Pay to our members, your employees. It means a lot to the frontline, who have been the unsung heroes in this national and global pandemic as they continue to keep our communities fed. Workers are risking their health and that of their families' every day they clock in, in order to provide service to the customer.

As cities in Colorado and Wyoming begin to open up, frontline workers in our stores will continue to be exposed to the coronavirus and until there is a vaccine we must continue to work together to keep the essential workforce safe and healthy."

UFCW Local 7 represents more than 21,000 grocery workers in Colorado and Wyoming. As confirmed COVID-19 cases for grocery workers continue to rise, Local 7 is advocating on behalf of these Essential Heroes for enforceable state laws that would require customers to wear facemasks in stores. Additionally, the union calls on companies to improve safety measures, increase testing and maintain workers Hero Pay.

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[Local 7](#), the largest Union in Colorado is affiliated with United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest private sector Unions in North America. UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.