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UFCW LOCAL 7 STATEMENT ON KING SOOPERS' LATEST ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC

DENVER – Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7 in Colorado and Wyoming, which represents approximately 17,000 Essential Grocery workers from Safeway/Albertsons and Kroger/King Soopers, issued the following statement:

"During today's bargaining meeting, King Soopers decided to release portions of a proposal to the media and employees at the same time they shared a different proposal with the union. Doing so allowed King Soopers and its leadership to omit important concessions employees would have to make in order to receive the 'pay increase,' such as increasing health care premiums and reducing benefits, requiring more hours to receive health care coverage, allowing the company to hire gig workers, limiting workers' ability to earn overtime, providing an unsafe work environment, and lowering wages if you change classifications.

"Because these changes would no doubt hurt our members and their families, Local 7 members have opted to turn down this offer. While we continue trying to negotiate in good faith with King Soopers, this move was meant only to deceive the press, employees, and customers in a failed effort to hide the truth that the company cares more about profits than workers. But we know what's really going on and we will not let the company step all over their workers to put more cash in their pockets."

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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.

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