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Dear Mr. Hartmann:

Thank you for your letter of June 3 directed to Mr. Timothy Baker. He has asked me to reply to your correspondence and we are pleased for this opportunity to communicate to you. Properly overseeing the sale of alcoholic beverages is very important to us and is a responsibility that we take very seriously.

We have developed a very comprehensive program to prevent the sales of alcoholic beverages to underage individuals as well as to disallow the sales of single-serving containers of beer and the small size bottles of wine (often considered consumed by an individual). Because the type of stores we operate, including our customer demographics are so different versus that of private liquor stores', we would prefer to continue to sell alcoholic beverages up to midnight. However, we are willing to change our policy if the other major food store retailers in the area opt to do the same. We would therefore appreciate it if you would let us know when you have heard from the other retailers you have contacted and their response to your request.

In the meantime, we wanted to let you know of the many initiatives we have undertaken to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage individuals:

- Associates are trained to card customers who appear to be under the age of 35.
- If an associate is not comfortable with the ID presented, he or she is trained to deny the sale and page a manager for assistance.
- All newly hired cashiers are flagged in the system for their first 90 days of employment, and whenever beer and wine are scanned, the system will prompt for a manager override.
- All cashiers under 21 are flagged in the system until they turn 21. Whenever beer and wine are scanned, the system will prompt for a manager override.

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- Our company has an internal ABC Program, where our employees (minors) audit the stores by attempting to purchase alcohol from cashiers. If an associate sells alcohol to one of our underage employees, then that associate is suspended.
- Monthly ABC awareness posters are distributed to the stores and posted. These posters train associates on the importance of carding individuals who appear to be under the age of 35

Once again, thank you for contacting Giant and we look forward to hearing from you after you have received information from other retailers in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry F. Scher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Barry F. Scher

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cc: Tim Baker