



July 20, 2017

The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1301

Dear Congresswoman Fudge,

I am writing to follow up on our meeting regarding the Amazon acquisition of Whole Foods and the issue of access to food. We agree with you that access to food is an important issue for the country, and we share your goal of improving that access.

Amazon is focused on providing low prices, vast selection, and convenience, including improved access to food and groceries. We deliver low-cost, healthy food to zip codes across the country that before Amazon had limited access to a large selection of high quality foods. We have every intention when the acquisition is complete to assist Whole Foods in bringing natural and healthy foods to more people.

We are excited by our new initiatives in this area, including our participation in the US Department of Agriculture SNAP pilot program. We believe that our vast product selection and low prices can benefit SNAP participants, and we are committed to making this pilot a success. We also believe that our new discounted Prime program, which is available to customers participating in government assistance programs, can provide customers with a broad and growing selection of shelf-stable foods.

We also do not plan job reductions as part of the acquisition, which if approved would result in a company with a combined less than 3% of national grocery sales. As you may know, Amazon has over 180,000 employees in the U.S., and we will be creating an additional 100,000 U.S. jobs over the coming year. Those Amazon jobs are in addition to the hundreds of thousands of indirect jobs that Amazon creates as we invest in communities across the country.

We look forward to continuing to work on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Huseman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "H".

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