



## An Open Letter to the Owner of Agata & Valentina

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*The Gourmet Grocer Campaign is a part of the Building Blocks Project to bring Good Food, Good Jobs, and Good Health to New York City.*

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Dear Sirs:

During this meaningful week of Passover and Easter holidays, our families take time to reflect upon the hardships faced by workers in our community. We are alarmed to learn that the people who serve us so well in your store are suffering from substandard workplace conditions:

- **Poverty-level wages.** Many workers make \$8 dollars and hour or less—after taxes, that's less than \$300 per week for full time work.
- **Health insurance that is too expensive** for most workers to buy coverage.
- **No respect on the job** or a voice to resolve workplace issues with fairness.

We understand that this is not the case at stores like Fairway, D'Agostino, Zabars and Gristedes. We ask that while you enjoy your holidays, you will consider those who work hard for your success and for the success of your store.