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Date: April 10, 2012

Office of the Mayor
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3
Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Dear Your Worship:

Re: 2197088 Ontario Inc. o/a Foody Mart – 5221 HWY 7 E, Markham, Ont.
Holiday Shopping

As an owner and operator of Foody Mart, I recognize the City of Markham is one of the fastest growing, diverse and multi-cultural cities in the world today and that not everyone experiences holidays the same way. Some of us choose to use public holidays as a day of rest to improve their quality of life, while others will choose to take advantage of additional hours of commerce, or employment at a wage premium. The choice should be left with the individuals.

Unfortunately, the Ontario Retail Business Holidays Act has inequities in the current policy framework arise from the fact that retail sectors such as Foody Mart are required to close on public holidays. While employers and employees in all other sectors are permitted to make their own decisions to open or close. Within the City of Markham, areas such as Pacific Mall/Market Village applied and received tourism area exemptions to stay open on public holidays. However, we do not have a process in place for other areas within the City of Markham to apply for such exemption. Furthermore, many retail operators are either unaware or choose to disregard the provisions of the Act and open on public holidays. Consequently, the public holidays closure requirement placed everyone here at Foody Mart an inconsistent, confusing and unfair business climate.

Please understand the positive spirit this letter is intended, and advise us a possible course of action to grant Foody Mart an exemption from public holidays closure in order to establish a level playing field for our retail operations.

Thank you for your kind consideration and assistance in this matter.

Yours truly

Cheng Yi Wei

President

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