

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 22, 2010

Larry D. Young, President/CEO
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Inc.
5301 Legacy Drive
Plano, TX 75024

Dear Mr. Young:

I write to express my concern at the situation at the Motts facility located in Williamson, NY. My concern is that, given how much this community relies on the economic benefit of the apple economy, the livelihoods of thousands of the region's residents could be at negatively impacted if this situation is not resolved soon and in a mutually beneficial way. As you know, Motts – a valued member of the New York economic community – purchases over half of all the apples produced in New York. And Wayne county is the #1 apple producing county in the state. Motts purchases 6-7 million bushels of NYS apples, with vast number purchased coming right out of Wayne County.

My office has been closely monitoring this situation and previously communicated our concern to your local executives and to the leaders of the local RWDSU. With the unemployment in the Rochester area nearly 10 percent, the ongoing labor stoppage is not only harming the 305 workers of the RWDSU Local 220 who work at the facility, but can harm the entire Wayne county economy due to this facility's centrality to the regional and state apple market.

I believe that businesses work best when they engage in productive, respectful labor-management relations. I am familiar with the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union and have observed them to be a reasonable, professional partner in the workplace. I also believe that a motivated, well trained and committed labor force makes good business sense because it is the surest way to provide a high-quality product for the people you serve. The current situation in Williamson is not in the best interests of the workers, the company, or your customers. Therefore, I urge you to again join the workers at the bargaining table in meaningful and good faith negotiations to forge a fair contract. I understand the difficult situation that our weakened economy has exerted on all firms, but – given the solid profitability of the Dr. Pepper-Snapple Group – I urge you to do everything possible to protect these good-paying jobs in an already distressed region of upstate New York.

Again, I urge Motts come back to the negotiating table and bargain in good faith so that the proud and productive workers of Motts can go back to work and the Wayne county community can do what it does

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best: providing Motts with the best homegrown ingredients in the world. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I look forward to a positive resolution. If there is any way I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Schumer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator