



**Statement Regarding Governor Jerry Brown  
Signing of AB 359  
California Grocers Association**

We are extremely disappointed that the Governor chose to sign this poorly drafted measure.

Unfortunately, given all its shortcomings, AB 359 actually creates a greater likelihood that companies will be forced to shutter locations that are no longer viable rather than identify a successor to operate in the location. Jobs will be lost, communities will see grocery access reduced, and in some cases food deserts will be created.

In addition, the bill inexplicably singles out traditional supermarkets for disparate treatment while giving major national “Wall Street” corporations a competitive advantage in the California marketplace.

We are currently exploring our options with regard to this illogical, ambiguous, unnecessary bill.