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To our union siblings at UFCW 21,

The 47,000 public employees of AFSCME Council 28/WFSE stand with you in your fight against the greed and bullying by Kroger Co. and its CEO Rodney McMullen.

You have been there for our families and our communities since day one of this pandemic, putting yourselves in harm’s way so we can put food on our tables.

You deserve hazard pay, respect and safe working conditions. Kroger’s CEO Rodney McMullen has gone out of his way to deny you all three, most recently by closing two stores in Seattle to avoid complying with hazard pay laws.

All this while Kroger’s profits have doubled in the past year—while Rodney McMullen pays himself \$21 million a year, nearly 800x what his employees make.

We stand with you in calling for an end to this destructive greed. It is unfair to communities that need access to food and a slap in the face to the frontline workers who have been getting sick and dying for the rest of us.

We call on Rodney McMullen to do the right thing and work with his employees.

Respectfully,

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