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## **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

**Boone, Iowa:** Fareway Stores, Inc. is aware of the recent report issued by the Department of Labor. Fareway cooperated fully with the Department's investigation of the grocery industry, but is responsible for a share of the violations and fines issued. Nearly all of these violations resulted from a minor throwing cardboard into a bailer that was not operating. We feel strongly that none of the violations jeopardized the safety or well-being of any minor employee of Fareway. Maintaining a safe environment for our employees and customers remains our top priority, and we will continue to improve this through additional training and awareness programs throughout the organization.

Sincerely,

Garrett S. Piklapp  
Secretary/General Counsel