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**Sent:** February 7, 2013 12:56 PM

To: ZZG-COUNCIL

Subject: Garden Foods Market, Application for Holiday Opening Under the Retail Business Holidays Act

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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## Re: Garden Foods Market, Application for Holiday Opening Under the Retail Business Holidays Act

Please accept this email in regards to Garden Foods Market's application for Holiday Opening under the Retail Business Holiday's Act.

I am the Store Manager of the Zehrs Bolton which is located at 487 Queen St in Bolton, immediately across the street from Garden Foods Market.

I encourage Regional Council to oppose this application to allow Garden Foods Market to open on Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

The retail business is tremendously competitive and statutory holidays are one of the few times in a year when stores can take a pause. If a retailer, such as Garden Foods Market, is allowed to remain open on those statutory holidays it is inevitable that all other retailers will have no choice but to also apply to remain open — ultimately eliminating those "common pause days" in Bolton.

Currently there are very few exemptions granted in our area. I encourage Council to maintain that level and preserve the current dynamic in our community. If council chooses to grant the exemption to Garden Foods — I'll be forced to apply for the same exemption in order for Zehrs to remain competitive this is not what I want for my community, my store or my colleagues.

Thank you for consideration,

487 Queen St, Bolton

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