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June 30, 2011

Dear Kent L. Davis, Linda Davis, Susan Mayer, Susan G. Trinin and Jeffrey I. Trinin,

Regarding your letter dated May 31, 2011, the Co-op would like to respond in a productive way. We are unable to do so, however, because your letter fails to explain *how* the Co-op's boycott decision supposedly violates the Co-op's Boycott Policy, Mission Statement, or Bylaws.

A great deal of careful and thoughtful time and discussion preceded the Co-op's Israeli-product boycott decision. Additionally, the Board revisited the boycott decision many times after the original decision was made. The Board continues to adhere to its decision, which was expressly founded in Co-op policies, as articulated in its mission statement and bylaws.

When you articulate to us the specific grounds for your view that the boycott decision violates the Co-op's boycott policy, mission statement, or bylaws, we will promptly respond.

We also remind you that there is a democratic alternative to the litigation that you are threatening: the member-initiated ballot process that is laid out in our bylaws. This process allows members who want to make a change at the Co-op to bring their proposal to a vote of the membership. To bring the proposal to rescind the Israeli-products boycott to a vote of the membership, all you need to do is gather the signatures of "1/2 of the average number of voting members in the previous three annual elections, or 300, whichever is greater." In this case, this would require you to gather 300 signatures of active members. Once on a ballot, your proposal would need to pass with 60% of total votes (as stated in the bylaws, "Member-initiated ballot.")

Sincerely,

Erin Genia,  
*(on behalf of all letter recipients)*  
President,  
Olympia Food Co-op Board of Directors