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No one – and certainly no one growing, picking, packing, transporting and selling food – should ever face hunger and deprivation.

Food workers nourish all of us. Yet, so often, they find it hard to make ends meet because retailers like Amazon's Whole Foods fatten their profits by squeezing their suppliers, who in turn squeeze and abuse their workers.

Whole Foods is now one of the lowest-scoring supermarket chains on OXFAM's human rights scorecard, even worse than Wal-Mart. We join OXFAM's call on Whole Foods to end the human suffering behind your food.

Since the AMAZON-Whole Foods merger – your biggest supplier, United Natural Foods, Inc. (UNFI) has also scaled up – buying Supervalu and becoming America's second-largest independent grocery wholesaler.

In the process, UNFI has also escalated its attacks on union workers. Over the last several months, thousands of Teamsters have been in intense labor battles with UNFI, a ruthless employer that has shown little regard for our members' livelihoods or their contractual rights.

Right before the holidays, UNFI illegally laid off over 200 workers from its Tacoma, Wash. distribution center. Now, UNFI is refusing to honor an arbitrator's award that upholds these workers' contract and protects their wages and benefits.

Many of our members are now facing eviction or are struggling to pay the bills and put food on the table for their families.

As a first token of your commitment to a truly sustainable food supply, we ask you to call on UNFI CEO to comply with the arbitrator's decision and stop breaking the law.

**END HUMAN SUFFERING BEHIND OUR FOOD**