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The Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge, MA 02139

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dear Council:

I am attaching a letter, information I submitted to Shaw store # 7580 and the SNAP program. I wanted the council to review the information in light of what I found. I would like to think this is an isolated incident and one that can be corrected. The situation affects Cambridge & Somerville residents.

Should the enclosed situation continue I think it would be a good idea to refer the matter to another authority.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Tammaro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke under the "T".

Paul Tammaro  
4 Marion Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141

6-20-2011

Shaw' Supermarket  
store #s 7580

To whom it may concern:

I would like you to review the attached receipts showing my purchase of chicken lobsters on 6-18-2011. I purchased the lobster first with label A. You can see the sell by date of 6/16/11 on the receipt. The two lobsters were already cooked ( I can tell they were red, not moving & on ice in the case ). The store receipt says 6/18/11 the day I purchased the lobsters.

The second receipt B was given to me because I asked if the lobster could be purchased with an EBT card. I was told they needed to change the code so I could purchase the lobsters with an EBT card, which I did if you look at the store receipt. I only point this out for the following reasons.

- A. The price went up by 6 cents
- B. The weight went up by .01 lbs.
- C. The description changed from hot cooked lobster to live chicken lobster

The state requires sell by dates to protect the public. I understand it is legal to sell out of date food but only if the consumer is informed. I say this because I was handed the lobsters without any indication of out of date issues.

The description should have read cooked lobster COLD. The lobster is on ICE. I know the food stamp program sorry the SNAP program does not allow the purchase of prepared foods but iced cooked lobster in my mind does not constitute hot prepared food. You can buy cooked shrimp on ice with an EBT card why is it you list hot cooked lobster on your labels? I found your price good but I do not like what I see in the labeling or the above issues.

**A store could make a lot of money on pennies and out of date food!!!!!!!!!!**

**I require an answer and some kind of accommodation to this issue.**

Sincerely; Happy Father's Day

**Paul Tamaro  
4 Marion Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141**

*Paul Tamaro*

seafood

Dist. by SUPERVALU INC  
Evanston, IL 60120

LIVE CHICKEN  
LOBSTERS

WILD CAUGHT  
PRODUCT OF UNITED STATES  
PROCESSED IN UNITED STATES

PLU # STORE # SELL BY:  
405 547 06/18/11



2 89349 32671 6

NET WT 2.43 lb UNIT PRICE \$10.99/lb \*\*TOTAL PRICE\*\* \$26.71

YOU SAVE \$12.15 CARD UNIT PRICE \$5.99/lb CARD PRICE \$14.56

B

scrip purchase  
6-17-11

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Shaw's 7602 (617) 262 - 4688  
STORE DIRECTOR - JOHN SCUCCIMARRA

REWARDS CUSTOMER 44449038877  
6/17/11 14:06 7602 20 0162 180

PRODUCE

1.58 lb @ .79 /lb 1.25 F  
WT BANANAS RIPE

SUBTOTAL PRODUCE 1.25

MEAT

0.97 lb @ 3.99/lb 3.87 F  
WT SFT TNR THK PRK PC  
WAS 4.49/lb PC SAVINGS .49

SUBTOTAL MEAT 3.87

SEAFOOD

1 10 lb @ 5.99/lb 3.99 F  
WT MATLAWS STUFFED  
31/40 EZ-PEEL SH PC 6.59 F  
WAS 8.99/lb PC SAVINGS 3.30

SUBTOTAL SEAFOOD 10.58

GROCERY

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HOT COOKED LOBSTER

WILD CAUGHT  
PRODUCT OF UNITED STATES  
PROCESSED IN UNITED STATES

PLU # STORE # SELL BY:  
487 547 06/16/11



2 69348 92660 5

NET WT 2.42 lb UNIT PRICE \$10.99/lb \*\*TOTAL PRICE\*\* \$26.60

YOU SAVE \$12.10 CARD UNIT PRICE \$5.99/lb CARD PRICE \$14.50

A

LOBSTER  
Purchase

shaws

Shaws 7580 (617) 625-4070  
STORE DIRECTOR - ROBERT DAVENPORT

REWARDS CUSTOMER 44449038877  
6/18/11 15:37 7580 03 0014 135

SEAFOOD

2.43 lb @ 5.99/lb 14.56 F  
WT CHICKEN LOBSTERS PC  
WAS 10.99/lb PC SAVINGS 12.15

SUBTOTAL SEAFOOD 14.56

GROCERY

SHAWS SWEET GH 2.49 F  
SC TONIC 2L PC .88 F  
DP \$0.05 DEPOSIT .05 F  
WAS 10/10.00 PC SAVINGS .12  
SH JUMBO RIPE PC 1.39 F  
WAS 1/1.49 PC SAVINGS .10  
SH JUMBO RIPE PC 1.39 F  
WAS 1/1.49 PC SAVINGS .10

SUBTOTAL GROCERY 6.20

FROZEN FOOD

BRYRS VN CH ST N PC 5.99 F  
ARYRS VN CH ST N PC .00 F

Effective in ~McGrath Highway

# shaws



**14<sup>99</sup>**  
Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics or Patriots Watches  
1 ct. while supplies last

## 3 DAY SALE

Friday, June 17th thru Sunday, June 19th

Happy  
Father's Day  
Sunday, June 19th



3 Days Only!

Wild caught

Live Wild Chicken Lobsters up to 1.25 lbs., while supplies last

**5<sup>99</sup>**  
lb.



3 Days Only!

DiLuigi Marinated Tips chicken, beef or pork or **Pork Babyback** *Ribs* previously frozen

**4<sup>99</sup>**  
lb.



3 Days Only!

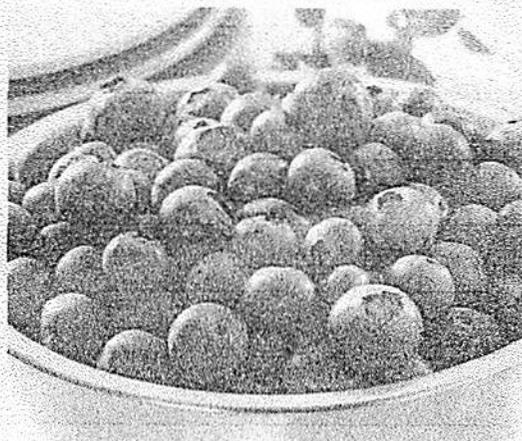
Gillette Mach3 or Fusion Cartridges 4-5 ct., while supplies last

**9<sup>99</sup>**



Cut Seedless Watermelon

**49¢**  
lb.



Fresh Blueberries 1 pt.

BUY one GET one **FREE**



Shaw's Semi-Boneless Rib, New York Strip, Porterhouse or T-Bone Steak bone-in, value pack 3 lbs. or more

**6<sup>99</sup>**  
lb.



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