



The Scottish Parliament  
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Dear Ms Heffernan,

As the MSP for Glenrothes I was extremely disappointed to learn that Dunnes is to close its Glenrothes store on Friday. I am saddened you have not communicated with local elected members on this decision.

You may not be aware, but this year marks Glenrothes's 70th Birthday. As a new town Glenrothes is quite unique in that the town centre, where Dunnes is situated, is a shopping centre - the Kingdom Centre. Dunnes fills the largest unit.

I am writing to you to ask you to seriously reconsider the decision to close the Glenrothes branch of Dunnes. I believe the closure of the store will be extremely detrimental to the communities I represent. The closure of the store will lead to job losses in an area which direly needs more employment. In addition to this, there will also be a huge symbolism attached to closing the town centre's largest unit. The week before you announced your closure, it was reported that 30% of children in Glenrothes live in poverty. I truly believe that businesses like Dunnes have a social responsibility to the communities they serve.

On our 70th Birthday we need businesses who are committed to Glenrothes. Dunnes is walking away from a community which badly needs these jobs. I urge you to reconsider this decision.

I would like to invite you to the Scottish Parliament to discuss this matter with me in person, as a matter of priority.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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