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D/B/A BLOCKS HOT BAGELS AND DELI

STATEMENT FROM HAL BLOCK

I share this update regretfully as I try to keep personal matters personal. However, Jeremy Fox's actions as it relates to the Broad Street bagel shop formerly named Block's Hot Bagels, risks the livelihoods of my employees--I cannot sit idly by and watch this happen. While Jeremy tries to positively spin his new bagel shop's name and origin story, it should be known that Jeremy and his company have failed to pay for the Block's equipment they have been using and have not paid fees owed under the agreement now totaling into the six figures. Although we have an agreement to be the exclusive supplier of bagels and other products for four more years, Jeremy informed us that he no longer plans to purchase from Block's effective immediately.

The situation turned sour when my son, Steven, was in his final weeks battling cancer this past February and March. Behind our backs, Jeremy purchased a competing bagel production facility that he is now using to supply his bagel shop, which we believe violates our long-term supply agreement. While we've tried to navigate this situation privately and reasonably, we do not believe Jeremy has worked with us in good faith. It wasn't until we saw a post Jeremy made on Facebook that we were made aware our relationship would be abruptly ending. We had already purchased the ingredients and food we thought he needed for the next few weeks.

I'm 89 years old, my plans at this stage of my life didn't include a legal fight to try and obtain what is owed from a business partner who we helped establish and set up for success. We look forward to continuing to serve you original, authentic and *Kosher* Block's Hot Bagels at our McNaughten Road location.

Hal Block
Founder, Block's Hot Bagels