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Attorney General Brown Secures Halt to Kroger - Albertsons Merger, Obtaining a Victory for Consumers Nationwide

BALTIMORE, MD (December 10, 2024) – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced that a federal judge has halted the merger of Kroger and Albertsons, finding that a legal challenge to the merger is likely to succeed on the merits. Kroger and Albertsons are the largest supermarket chains in the country, and the proposed merger presented a significant risk of reduced competition and higher food prices nationwide. In February 2024, Attorney General Brown, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and a bipartisan coalition of states, announced the [filing of a lawsuit](#) that challenges the proposed merger of Kroger and Albertsons.

“As the cost of basic necessities rise, Marylanders are spending more and more of their paychecks on groceries. Had this merger gone forward, these supermarkets would no longer have had a reason to offer lower prices than their main competitor, making it harder for Maryland families to put food on their tables,” **said Attorney General Brown**. “Our Office will do whatever it takes to make sure Marylanders have access to high-quality, affordable, and healthy groceries.”

In bringing the lawsuit, Attorney General Brown joined the FTC, and the attorneys general of Arizona, California, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming.

A copy of the order is available [here](#).

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