

• ATTICUS •

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To our Customers, Friends and Neighbors,

You may be aware that a community group is protesting our business over an employee decision we made in 2015. We believe it was a fair decision and we stand by it.

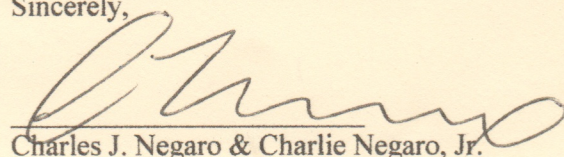
We also stand by our excellent 40 year record. We employ 36 terrific people who serve Atticus customers daily. We proudly remain one of the finest, long-standing, family-owned, independent, local bookstore-cafes in the Northeast.

Terminations of employment are often very difficult, regardless of merit and good will. What is not difficult is to be clear about our values. For 40 years Atticus has taken the high road with regard to compensation and benefits. We are proud of our record and our team. Further, the concept of making positive social impact - not just through our employment practices, but with fresh, healthy food and longstanding practices of philanthropy and community activism- has been part of our DNA from the get go, long before there was a media buzz about these things. We are perplexed and dismayed to find ourselves a target of this group.

The claims being made by this group are inflammatory, untrue, and wholly unwarranted. We have attempted to engage in a thoughtful dialogue with this group, but our efforts have been rebuffed and cynically manipulated.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We greatly appreciate the support of our customers and community.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Negaro & Charlie Negaro, Jr.
Owners