February 5, 2018

Dear Representatives:

On behalf of grocery stores, pizzerias, and convenience retailers across the United States, we request that you support the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017 - H.R. 772 - when it is considered on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. CSNDA would provide our businesses, which have highly variable menu offerings, with more efficient compliance with the caloric disclosure rule issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The retail food marketplace is a diverse one with many different types of retail establishments that use various business models. FDA wrote the rule essentially for one type of restaurant – those with a static or fixed menu – and ignored all others in the marketplace. The recent FDA guidance was unable to resolve the issues we needed resolved. With the **May 7, 2018** compliance date only a few months away, now is the time for Congress to take action and fix the rule.

Opponents of CSNDA have made false claims and we would like to set the record straight. Some NGOs and others who are looking to exploit and profit from the rule's problems have claimed that our industries are attempting to gain an "exemption" from the FDA rule. **This charge is patently untrue.** Nothing in CSNDA would exempt any industry from the calorie-disclosure regulations. Every retail establishment covered under FDA's current rule would remain covered should the CSNDA become law. These covered entities simply would gain needed regulatory flexibility.

Others have claimed that passage of CSNDA would endanger the federal preemption that exists under the rule or that it would cause undue confusion in the marketplace. **These as well are false claims.** CSNDA explicitly maintains the same federal preemption that exists under the current rule. Due to the flexibility provided by CSNDA, any establishment that already has entered into compliance with the rule as it exists presently would still be in compliance once the CSNDA is law. These retailers would not be required to change anything.

CSNDA also provides relief from some of the most egregious sections of the existing rule to all retail food establishments, regardless of business model. It eliminates the possibility that store managers would be subjected to felony penalties for inadvertent errors in the calorie disclosures, and protects all covered stores and restaurants from the threat of frivolous litigation. At the same time, the legislation leaves FDA as the "cop on the beat" for compliance. FDA would maintain all the same tools it currently has in other areas of its jurisdiction to seek out true bad actors and those who may wish to avoid the law.

Our industries want a national standard for how we disclose the caloric content of the food we sell to our customers. CSNDA will provide that national standard while at the same time ensuring that we are able to do so without undue burdens that ultimately will result in fewer food choices for consumers. Already, suppliers of local and fresh foods that lack the resources to comply with the current rule are losing contracts. By supporting CSNDA, and helping it become

law, you will be helping your constituents get the information they want while protecting small businesses' ability to continue to compete and innovate in this space.

Please vote for the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017.

Sincerely,

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