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To: Brenda Bacon
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Re: Letter of Support

Unified adherence to the current Food Code by regulatory entities (regardless of name) affords small and medium sized business the opportunity to expand across borders without worry about "different rules." Empowering industry through jurisdictional reciprocity, enhances the whole of our food safety network. While you may encounter grumblings from regulators and the regulated, due diligence to the greater view of public health is owed. Staying current with Food Code is the choice to embrace the best scientific practice available as the tools to serve our mission of protecting our communities from food borne illness. Although South Carolina's legislative process does not allow us to adopt Food Code by reference, we are committed to updating our regulation based on Food Code and staying current within a 5-year window of revisions. We encourage all agencies to join us in these efforts and offer our support by making our legislative "talking points" available to you upon request.


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