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To: Brenda Bacon

Chair, Food Code Adoption Workgroup

Collaborative Representative, Conference for Food Protection

From: Heather Buonomo

Chair, California Retail Food Safety Coalition

Re: Letter of Support

The California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC) is committed to reducing food borne illness in the State of California through the effective and efficient implementation of the California Retail Food Safety Code (Cal Code) with a sound, science-based retail food safety regulatory foundation, uniform inspection reporting and the training of both regulators and the retail food service industry. The CRFSC provides a non-adversarial forum that allows all the constituencies interested in the retail food service industry to work collaboratively toward a common goal of reducing food borne illness.

Cal Code adopts and aligns with select sections of the US FDA Model Food Code. The CRFSC acknowledges the benefit of embracing the best scientific practice available as a tool to serve our common mission of protecting our communities from foodborne illness that can cause devastating health consequences and financial loss, and therefore is pleased to support and encourage the timely adoption of the most recent version of the US FDA's Model Food Code.

Sincerely,

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