



May 4, 2021

To: Brenda Bacon  
Chair, Food Code Adoption Workgroup  
Collaborative Representative, Conference for Food Protection

From: Larry Rogers, REHS  
Environmental Health Manager  
Southern Nevada health District

Re: Letter of Support

The Southern Nevada Health District is pleased to support and encourage the adoption of the most recent version of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's model Food Code by all retail food regulatory programs.

Benefits of unified adherence to the current model FDA Food Code by retail food regulatory entities include:

- Trained staff that are familiar with a standardized inspection process and rules that are consistent with the best available data on food safety.
- Food industry employees that are familiar with regulations across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Science-based regulations that are well-written with input from regulators (federal, state, local, tribal), academia, industry, professional organizations, and consumers through the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) process.
- Ensuring each food establishment has a person in charge who is a certified food protection manager with knowledge of foodborne disease prevention.

Staying current with the Food Code is the choice to embrace the best scientific practice available as the tools to serve our mission of protecting our communities from foodborne illness that can potentially cause devastating health consequences and financial losses.

The Southern Nevada Health District encourages all retail food regulatory organizations to join us in these efforts in supporting the timely adoption of the most recent version of the model FDA Food Code. We also offer our support by actively participating in CFP committees and biannual meetings.

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