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To Whom It May Concern:

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is pleased to support and encourage adoption of the most recent version of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's model Food Code by all retail food regulatory programs.

The Utah Department of Health has adopted the 2013 Food Code with plans to adopt the 2021 Food Code as soon as possible after it is released by the FDA. Food Code adoption by UDOH covers the entire state of Utah under one rule, including all local health authorities. Benefits of unified adherence to the current model FDA Food Code by retail food regulatory entities include:

- Reduction of complexity and better compliance, affording business the opportunity to expand across local health jurisdictions without concern of "different rules";
- Empowerment of industry through jurisdictional reciprocity by enhancing the whole of our food safety network;
- Elimination of redundant processes for establishing food safety criteria; and
- Establishment of a more standardized approach to inspections of food establishments.

Staying current with the Food Code is an effective way to embrace the best scientific food safety practice available to serve our mission of protecting our communities from foodborne illness.

The Utah Department of Health encourages 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.

Sincerely,

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