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To: Brenda Bacon
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Collaborative Representative, Conference for Food Protection

From: Daryl Kellenberger, Director-Restaurant Food Safety
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Re: Letter of Support

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

McDonald's Corporation supports over 13,000 US restaurants in all 50 states and DC. Our large footprint makes it very helpful to have food safety requirements that are standardized and uniform across all areas of the US. Benefits of unified adherence to the current model FDA Food Code by retail food regulatory entities (regardless of name) include:

- Reduction of complexity and better ensures compliance - affording small, medium and large size businesses the opportunity to operate multiple locations within different jurisdictions without worry about "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 and audits of food establishments.

Staying current with the Food Code is the choice to embrace the best scientific practice available as the tools to serve our mission of providing our customers with safe food and protecting our communities from foodborne illness.

McDonald's Corporation encourages members of the food industry to support retail food regulatory organizations' efforts in supporting the timely adoption of the most recent version of the model FDA Food Code. We also offer our support in encouraging other members of the industry to become supporters of uniform adoption of the Food Code.

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