



Nov. 5, 2021

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

From: Lawrence J. Lynch
Senior Vice President Health, Safety and Regulatory Services
National Restaurant Association

Re: Letter of Support

The National Restaurant Association 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. 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 and medium sized business the opportunity to expand across borders 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 protecting our communities from foodborne illness that can potentially cause devastating health consequences and financial losses.

National Restaurant Association 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Lynch", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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