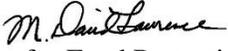




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To: Brenda Bacon
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Collaborative Representative, Conference for Food Protection

From: David Lawrence 
Chair, Conference for Food Protection

Re: Letter of Support

The Conference for Food Protection (CFP) 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.

The CFP was created to provide a formal process whereby members of industry, regulatory, academic, consumer, and professional organizations are afforded equal input in the development and/or modification of food safety guidance, including the FDA model Food Code. Such guidance is incorporated into food safety laws and regulations at all levels of government throughout the United States. The CFP views the benefits of unified adherence to the current model FDA Food Code by state, local, tribal, and territorial retail food regulatory entities to include:

- Reduction of complexity and better ensures compliance, affording small and medium sized business the opportunity to expand across borders without worry about differing rules and regulations;
- 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.

The CFP promotes opportunities for retail food regulatory program representatives to establish working relationships with the various stakeholders who participate in the Food Code adoption process. The CFP 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.