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Re: Letter of Support

The Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) is pleased to support and encourage the adoption of the most recent version of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) model Food Code by all retail food regulatory programs.

The FDA model Food Code provides a scientifically sound technical and legal basis for regulating the retail food industry. The benefits of adoption of the FDA model Food Code by retail food regulatory agencies includes:

- More uniform policy implementation between jurisdictions;
- Establishment of a more standardized approach to inspections and audits of food establishments;
- Provides a streamlined process for updating state, local, tribal, and territorial retail food codes through adoption of the FDA model Food Code; and
- Ensures that jurisdictions are utilizing the best scientific practices available to ensure the protection of the retail food supply and the continued reduction of foodborne illness outbreaks associated with food establishments.

The Partnership for Food Protection encourages all retail food regulatory organizations to join us in these efforts in supporting the timely adoption of the most recent version of the FDA model Food Code.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Kennelly".

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