

June 5, 2020

Dear Senator:

As representatives of the food and agriculture industry, we ask you to cosponsor a bill that Senator Ernst will soon introduce to provide tax relief to essential workers, including the dedicated and talented men and women working tirelessly to ensure that our food supply chain continues to operate for the benefit of all American citizens.

Frontline workers in the food and agriculture sector are among the designated essential workers who are selflessly serving the nation during this time of crisis. These workers are serving even as they face serious challenges including lack of childcare, transportation interruptions, and health concerns. These essential critical workers are fighting a war against the coronavirus at great personal cost, and we ask that they be recognized and supported by the federal government.

The “Financial Relief Noting The Large Impact Of Our Nation’s Essential Employees Act” (the FRNT LINE Act) directly addresses this need by providing federal income and payroll tax relief for essential workers, including those in the food and agriculture supply chain. Enactment of this legislation would be a tangible way to demonstrate our support for essential workers as they serve the nation during this difficult time while also incentivizing their continued commitment to work.

As Congress considers additional legislation to respond to the novel coronavirus, we hope that tax relief for essential workers will be part of the next legislative package that Congress passes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Bakers Association
American Beverage Association
American Frozen Food Institute
Consumer Brands Association
Convenience Distribution Association
Flexible Packaging Association
FMI – The Food Industry Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Independent Bakers Association
International Dairy Foods Association
International Foodservice Distributors Association
NACS
North American Millers' Association
National Association of Truck Stop Operators
National Automatic Merchandising Association
National Chicken Council
National Confectioners Association
National Fisheries Institute
National Grain and Feed Association
National Grocers Association

National Milk Producers Federation
National Restaurant Association
Peanut and Tree Nut Processors Association (PTNPA)
Plant Based Foods Association
Produce Marketing Association
SNAC International
United Fresh Produce Association