As President Trump and Congress consider an economic stimulus bill aimed at mitigating the current national health and economic crisis, it’s essential that the foodservice distribution industry receives the relief it needs to remain viable.

The closure of restaurants, schools and businesses across the country has created severe financial hardship both for restaurant operators and the foodservice distributors that supply them. Whereas grocery stores remain open and thrive even in cities under lockdown, schools, restaurants, and hotels are closing or closed. The government has a responsibility to help foodservice distributors in this time of extreme need.

WHAT WOULD LIFE LOOK LIKE WITHOUT FOODSERVICE DISTRIBUTORS?

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES, AND ASSISTED LIVING WILL NOT HAVE THE FOOD AND RESOURCES TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PATIENTS. You can’t order a truck load of food from Amazon – they don’t employ nutritionists, food safety experts, or account managers who can help a foodservice establishment prosper.

RESTAURANTS WOULD NOT RECOVER – EVEN WITH FEDERAL SUPPORT. Restaurants rely on the credit provided by foodservice distributors to buy food and products to keep their doors open. If foodservice distributors are forced to close their doors, restaurants will follow.


WHEN SCHOOLS AND DAYCARE CENTERS RE-OPEN, THERE WILL BE NO FOOD TO FEED THE CHILDREN.

THE NATIONAL GUARD AND U.S. MILITARY, WHO MAY PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING ORDER IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WILL NOT HAVE FOOD TO FEED THE TROOPS.
The Foodservice Distribution Industry Needs Your Help

PRISONS WILL LOSE THE ABILITY TO FEED INMATES.

Unlike the airlines, the foodservice distribution industry is not asking for a bailout. Our industry didn’t use the recent tax cuts on executive bonuses – we invested in our businesses and our employees.

These are not businesses the size and scope of the airlines, who are looking for a bailout. Foodservice distribution is an industry comprised of largely family-owned businesses that have survived through wars, recessions, and other challenges but who say two weeks of this is all it will take to have a significant impact on their business.

PRESIDENT TRUMP AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS – WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need immediate access to $24 billion in federally-backstopped credit for our industry to provide liquidity and enable companies to retain their employees as we work our way through this crisis.”

DON’T LET THIS CRITICAL PART OF THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN SHUTTER ON YOUR WATCH. The consequences will be immediate and devastating.

INDUSTRY STATS

15,000
Distribution centers

350,000
Employed by industry

288 million
Square feet of distribution space

8.7 billion
Cases delivered per year

700,000
Ancillary jobs through supply chain and employee spending

131,250 drivers
121,500 warehouse staff
56,000 corporate and other
41,250 sales staff

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