

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