



OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESS

Dear Members of Congress, **Don't Tax Our Groceries**

Improving health care in America is an admirable goal we support. But food and beverage taxes have no place in health care reform, particularly taxes that single out one product like juice drinks and soda.

- Taxes do not make people healthier – making responsible decisions about diet and physical activity do.
- Taxes will not teach children healthy lifestyles or change anyone's behavior – education and support for physical activity programs will.
- Taxes will only burden working families already struggling in this trying economy.

This is why we, as businesses, unions, trade associations, and organizations across the country, have joined Americans Against Food Taxes and 60,000 individual petition signers nationwide in urging you to reject a federal tax on juice drinks and soda.

Sincerely,

JUST A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Council on Science & Health
National Taxpayers Union
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce
Americans for Prosperity
Americans for Tax Reform
National Association of Manufacturers
SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc.
Institute for Liberty
American Advertising Federation
ASPIRA Association, The
Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc.
Cuban American National Council
GALOS Corporation
Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity
Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities
Hispanic Federation, The
Hispanic Institute, The
Hispanic Media Council
KAGRO International
Latin Chamber of Commerce
Latino Coalition, The
Latino Council on the Media
League of United Latin American Citizens
MANA, A National Latina Organization
Mexican American Grocers Association
National Association of Hispanic Publications
National Hispana Leadership Institute
National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Latino Education Institute (Chicago)
National Puerto Rican Coalition
American Bakers Association
American Beverage Association
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Wholesale Marketers Association
Can Manufacturers Institute
Corn Refiners Association
Food Industry Association Executives
Food Marketing Institute
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Independent Bakers Association
International Dairy Foods Association
National Association of Concessionaires
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Association of PET Container Resources
National Association of Theatre Owners
National Automatic Merchandising Association

National Confectioners Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Grocers Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Supermarket Association
Snack Food Association
STATE & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
Teamsters Local Union 1199 (Cincinnati, OH)
Teamsters Local Union 812 (New York, NY)
NAACP Chicago Westside Branch
NAACP Milwaukee Branch
NAACP New York State Conference
AARP – Illinois
Alivio Medical Center of Chicago
Association of Commerce & Industry (NM)
Brooklyn (Kings County) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry
Colorado/Wyoming NFIB
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Association of Business & Industry
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Little Village Chamber of Commerce (Chicago)
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative
Chemistry Industry Council of Illinois
American GI Forum Midwest
Associated Oregon Industries
Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin
Erie Neighborhood House (Chicago)
Florida Maritime Leadership Coalition
Pilsen Neighbors Community Council
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Manufacture Alabama
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Texas Association of Manufacturers
Virginia Manufacturers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Alabama Grocers Association
Arizona Automatic Merchandising Association
Arizona Food Marketing Alliance

Arizona Retailers Association
Arkansas Grocers & Retail Merchants Association
Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers (MI)
California Grocers Association
Carolinas Food Industry Council
Colorado/Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association
Connecticut Food Association
Delaware Food Industry Council
Florida Dairy Products Association
Florida Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
Georgia Agribusiness Council
Georgia Association of Convenience Stores
Georgia Food Industry Association
Georgia Retail Association
Illinois Association of Convenience Stores
Illinois Food Retailers Association
Illinois Restaurant Association
Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Independent Buyers Co-op (TX)
Indiana Grocery & Convenience Store Association
Indiana Retailers Association
Iowa Wholesale Distributors Association
Kansas Food Dealers Association
Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association
Kentucky Association of Convenience Stores
Kentucky Grocers Association
Kentucky Hotel & Lodging Association
Kentucky Restaurant Association
Louisiana Retailers Association
Maine Grocers Association
Maine Merchants Association
Maine Restaurant Association
Maryland Retailers Association
Massachusetts Food Association
Michigan Distributors & Vendors Association
Michigan Food & Beverage Association
Michigan Grocers Association
Michigan Restaurant Association
Michigan Retailers Association
Mid-Atlantic National Association of Theatre Owners
Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors' Association
Mid-States National Association of Theatre Owners
Midwest Dairy Foods Association
Midwest Food Processors Association
Minnesota Grocers Association

Minnesota Lodging Association
Minnesota Restaurant Association
Minnesota Retailers Association
Mississippi Automatic Merchandising Association
Mississippi Hospitality and Restaurant Association
Missouri Retailers Association
National Association of Theatre Owners of California/
Nevada
National Association of Theatre Owners of New York
State
Neighborhood Market Association (CA)
New England Convenience Store Association
New Hampshire Grocers Association
New Jersey Food Council
New Mexico Grocers Association
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
North Carolina Retail Merchants Association
North Carolina Wholesalers Association
North Dakota Grocers Association
North Dakota Hospitality Association
North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association
North Dakota Retail Association
Ohio Corn Growers Association
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Ohio Grocers Association
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Ohio Restaurant Association
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association
Pennsylvania Restaurant Association
Retail Merchants of Hawaii
South Carolina Retail Association
South Central States National Association of Theatre
Owners
Tennessee Grocers & Convenience Store Association
Texas Grocery & Convenience Association
Theatre Owners of Indiana
Utah Food Industry Association
Vermont Grocers' Association
Virginia Automatic Merchandising Association
Virginia Wholesalers and Distributors Association
West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association
Wisconsin Automatic Merchandising Council
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store
Association
Wisconsin Restaurant Association
Wisconsin Retail Council

*Nearly 400 groups, organizations and
businesses of all sizes say they'll be hurt
by the tax.*

To see the complete list, go to
NoBeverageandFoodTaxes.com