



## 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 64,000 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 Hispanic 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  
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 Restaurant Association  
Georgia Retail Association  
Illinois Association of Convenience Stores  
Illinois Food Retailers Association  
Illinois Petroleum Marketers 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  
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