

May 12, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

As representatives of the food and agriculture industry, we ask you to cosponsor a bipartisan bill that was introduced earlier today to provide tax relief to 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 critical industries that 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 “Assistance and Gratitude for Coronavirus Heroes in Agribusiness who are Invaluable to the Nation Act” or the AG CHAIN Act, which is sponsored by Representatives GT Thompson and Dwight Evans, directly addresses this need by providing an exclusion from gross income taxes and temporary payroll tax relief to essential food and agriculture workers. Enactment of this legislation would be a tangible way to demonstrate our support for essential food and agriculture 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 the AG CHAIN Act 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  
American Spice Trade Association  
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 Food Additives Council  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
NACS  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Truck Stop Operators  
National Automatic Merchandising Association  
National Chicken Council

National Confectioners Association  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Grocers Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Pasta Association  
National Pecan Shellers Association  
National Restaurant Association  
North American Millers' Association  
Peanut and Tree Nut Association  
SNAC International  
Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers  
United Fresh Produce Association