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The Honorable Judd Gregg
U.S. Senator
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Re: S. 3128 – National Uniformity for Food Act –
Request to Co-Sponsor

Dear Senator Gregg:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Soft Drink Association, I am writing to urge you to cosponsor and support S. 3128, the "National Uniformity for Food Act of 2006." Senators Richard Burr (R-NC), Pat Roberts (R-KA), and Ben Nelson (D-NE) introduced the legislation on May 25, 2006. On March 8, the House passed the legislation (H.R. 4167) with a strong bipartisan vote of 283-139. I urge you to co-sponsor this critical piece of legislation.

The legislation provides for science-based uniform food safety standards and warning requirements so that Americans in every state are protected equally. It is common-sense legislation that will help consumers make educated decisions for themselves and their families in an ever-changing and confusing food labeling environment. Consumers deserve a single standard when it comes to food safety, and this bill will allow states and the FDA to work collaboratively in establishing sound food safety policies that benefit - not confuse - consumers.

The "National Uniformity for Food Act" is a top priority for the New Hampshire Soft Drink Association. It recognizes that it makes no sense to have different states adopting different regulatory requirements for identical food products. This legislation will instead provide consumers with a single set of consistent, science-based food safety regulations for food products sold in all 50 states.

Successful passage of the "National Uniformity for Food Act" is absolutely critical to the New Hampshire Soft Drink Association. We urge you to make its passage a top priority.

Sincerely,



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