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Re: Draft Food Warning Regulations

Dear Ms. Monahan-Cummings:

Attached is a draft regulatory proposal for a comprehensive food warning system. It is a joint proposal of the California Grocers Association, the California Retailers Association, the California League of Food Processors, the American Beverage Association and the Grocery Manufacturers Association. The proposal is in keeping with the system that was described and discussed during the meetings of the OEHHA Food Warnings Working Group and seeks to accommodate the concerns expressed by various stakeholders during those meetings. It is the work product of the following individual members of the Group: Jeff Margulies, Gary Roberts, Renee Wasserman, Peter Weiner and the undersigned.

As you will see, there are two blanks in the draft – one for the food categories to be included in the generic/"trigger" sign, and the other for the square footage which distinguishes among categories of retailers. These are details that can best be addressed once there is agreement on the conceptual framework.

We very much hope that this will significantly advance OEHHA's efforts to develop a practical and effective warning program and we look forward to working with you toward that end.

Please do not hesitate to contact any members of the Working Group identified herein if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Joan E. Denton