

## **ACTION ALERT**

**June 4, 2003**

### **House to Vote on Permanent Repeal of Death Tax Retailers and Wholesalers — Attend the 2003 Washington Conference. Directly appeal to your members of Congress Urge them to cosponsor and vote for H.R. 57**

The House of Representatives is expected to vote on June 18 or 19 on a stand-alone bill to permanently repeal the death tax. As you know, permanent repeal of this burdensome tax is N.G.A.'s No. 1 legislative priority. Grassroots action by all privately held companies is needed immediately. **All privately held companies are urged to contact their Representatives immediately and ask them to support H.R. 57 to permanently repeal the death tax. All congressional offices can be reached through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.**

**We need you in Washington June 16-18!!!** The 2003 Washington Conference, June 16-18, sponsored by N.G.A. and the Food Industry Association Executives, occurs at the perfect time – currently, **House leaders are expecting the vote to occur on June 18 or 19. In fact, Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA), the principal sponsor of H.R. 57 and a leading advocate for death tax repeal, will address the Conference on June 18 to rally attendees for their congressional visits.**

**Make no mistake – this represents our best opportunity to permanently eliminate the death tax. An outpouring of grassroots support that demonstrates the depth of commitment our industry has for finally ending this unfair tax is absolutely vital.** It's no secret that this bill will face an uphill climb in the Senate, so winning passage by the House with the biggest bipartisan majority possible is the key to final victory. It is up to us to make sure this bill heads to the Republican-controlled Senate with the maximum amount of vocal grassroots support. Remember that the \$1.35-trillion tax-relief package enacted in 2001 included only a phase-out of the death tax – the death tax will be fully repealed only for one year, in 2010. Unless the death tax is permanently repealed, it will automatically be fully reinstated in 2011.

**Your attendance at this Conference and your personal visits with lawmakers will help to generate a groundswell that can push this bill through the Senate.** If you haven't already registered, do so immediately – return the attached registration form, or contact N.G.A.'s Jennifer Brant at (703) 516-0700. We will assure you of accommodations, either at the Fairmont Washington or a nearby hotel, and we will provide you with transportation to and from Capitol Hill. For those already registered, consider just how important this issue is to the future of your business and the entire independent sector. Encourage your fellow grocers to attend, and bring others from your company. We need as many voices as we can get, telling Congress that it is time to end this unfair and burdensome tax once and for all, and to help America's

family-owned supermarket companies invest and grow.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Mason, N.G.A. Director of Public Affairs, (703) 516-0700 or [mmason@NationalGrocers.org](mailto:mmason@NationalGrocers.org).

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