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## **The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) Announces the Expansion of NGATV to a Weekly Podcast**

**ARLINGTON, VA**, -- The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) is pleased to announce the launch of NGATV, a new weekly podcast on its website as part of its long standing programming of NGATV. NGATV provides insight and analysis on issues that affect N.G.A. members.

NGATV will cover issues impacting its members and consumers such as how to "Buy Local", initiatives to enhance community involvement, improving energy efficiency, sustainable practices of N.G.A. members and the impact of rising food costs - all to be featured. NGATV will also feature up to the minute Congressional and Regulatory updates.

NGATV originally began three years ago, live from the N.G.A. Annual Convention Supermarket Synergy Showcase (S<sup>3</sup>) Concept Show Floor. The show, titled "Independently Speaking," was created to provide show floor attendees with value added content focused on education, information, industry relations and innovation. NGATV included discussions on new products, food safety, the latest trends in merchandising and the host, Phil Lempert, interviewed a number of industry leaders and consumers on issues such as natural and organic foods, labor issues, food safety, consumer demographics, advanced technology and much more.



NGATV will also run the latest information on Action Alerts that may require clarification. NGATV will be taped weekly and archived on the N.G.A. website at [www.nationalgrocers.org](http://www.nationalgrocers.org), available for viewing at any time.

"We're excited to make these sessions available so our members can stay informed on a wide variety of important issues, the outcome of which will have a large and lasting impact on our industry and our members' businesses," said N.G.A. President and CEO, Tom Zaucha. "NGATV provides a vehicle for us to more thoroughly explore the pressing issues and advance, when warranted, N.G.A.'s point of view. Additionally, we look forward to continue tapping into

the power of the Internet to distribute this content to our members in timely and efficient fashion.”

NGATV will launch next Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> on the N.G.A. website homepage at [www.nationalgrocers.org](http://www.nationalgrocers.org). As summer is fast approaching and summer hiring about to begin, the first episode of NGATV will focus on compliance with Child Labor Laws? Are you compliant? It is imperative that employers understand the child labor laws and regulations to protect not only their employees, but their businesses from legal liability. This episode will take a close look at the N.G.A. Child Labor Law Compliance Program that assists N.G.A. members ensure that their “under 18 years of age” employees work within the bounds of the laws governing the use of child labor; and gain an understanding of the Department of Labor's investigatory process of stores to find any child labor law violations.

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N.G.A. is the national trade association representing the retail and wholesale grocers that comprise the independent sector of the food distribution industry. An independent retailer is a privately owned or controlled food retail company operating a variety of formats. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. Some are publicly traded but with controlling shares held by the family and others are employee owned. Independents are the true “entrepreneurs” of the grocery industry and dedicated to their customers, associates, and communities. N.G.A. members include retail and wholesale grocers, state grocers associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers. For more information about N.G.A. and the independent sector of the industry, see the N.G.A. website: [www.NationalGrocers.org](http://www.NationalGrocers.org).