An independent supermarket 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 independents 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.

**WHAT IS AN INDEPENDENT SUPERMARKET?**

- Independent grocers operate in rural towns, urban metropolises and everywhere in-between.
- Independent supermarkets contribute almost $14 billion in state and local tax revenue.

**WE ARE LOCAL.**

**THE UNITED STATES**

- NGA members are located in every state and every congressional district.

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- 1100 of NGA’s 1400+ members are small businesses fighting in one of the most competitive marketplaces to make their way in the world.

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