

# Grocers Lead the Charge to Make America Healthy Again

The National Grocers Association (NGA) represents 21,000 independent community grocers and wholesalers across the United States. Independent community grocers account for 33 percent of all grocery sales, exceeding \$250 billion, and more than 1 million American jobs.

## Core Values

NGA members know the following to be true:

- ✦ **No American should go hungry.**
- ✦ **Healthy food should be accessible.**
- ✦ **SNAP has a positive economic impact on communities and improves health.**
- ✦ **Federal food policy should never favor Wall Street over Main Street.**

## Grocers Support Fresh Choices

- ✦ **Expand access to nutrition prescriptions and incentives for fruits, vegetables, and dairy.**
  - Increase the percentage of funding going to nutritious purchases.
  - Allow only one organization or institution to run the program in each state.
- ✦ **Prohibit the advertising of unhealthy foods as “EBT Eligible.”**
- ✦ **Ensure SNAP participants have the flexibility to meet their nutritional needs.**
- ✦ **Expand Healthy Benefit Cards in Medicare and Medicaid.**
- ✦ **Ensure SNAP benefits are efficient and sufficient to purchase healthy foods and support the over 388,000 local jobs SNAP is responsible for creating and sustaining.**
  - Reduce waste, fraud, and abuse by modernizing EBT cards and eliminating bad actors.
- ✦ **Increase stocking requirements for SNAP authorized retailers.**
  - Work with grocers to address food deserts in rural communities.
- ✦ **Support nutrition education in retail settings.**
- ✦ **Pass the MNT Act to allow Medicare reimbursement for dietitians.**

## Grocers Play a Critical Role in the Health of Americans

Grocers want to be a part of the solution; and they should be! Grocers have always cared about the health of their customers because their customers are their community, and grocers have unique insights into what works best. Many grocers go above and beyond to ensure struggling communities have access to nourishing, healthy food and they believe these policies will have the greatest impact on the health of hardworking Americans everywhere.

**Let's Make America Healthy Again Together!**

# At the HEART of the community.