Independent retail supermarkets and the wholesalers that supply them play a vital role in the communities they serve and are a major contributor to the economy of the United States and California. Defined as a privately held, or family-owned entrepreneurial business, independent supermarket operators run businesses of all formats and sizes, and are dedicated to their customers, associates and communities.

**STORES AND SALES**
In California, the independent supermarket channel includes 2,691 stores and generates $19.67 billion in annual sales.

**JOBS AND WAGES**
In California, independent supermarket operators are responsible for creating 105,280 stable, reliable jobs and $3.89 billion in wages paid.

**TAXES**
In California, independent supermarkets and the wholesalers that serve them are a major source of tax revenue for federal, state and local governments. Together the independent channel and their employees generate about $1.94 billion in state and local tax and $1.84 billion in federal taxes. The combined total in the State of California is $3.78 billion.

**NATIONAL IMPACT**
The economic impact of the independent supermarket industry reaches all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally there are 21,000 independently owned supermarkets that generate $131 billion in annual sales, representing nearly 25% of the total domestic market.

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