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 New York. 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 New York, the independent supermarket channel includes 2,022 stores and generates $6.79 billion in annual sales.

**JOBS AND WAGES**
In New York, independent supermarket operators are responsible for creating 93,480 stable, reliable jobs and $2.86 billion in wages paid.

**TAXES**
In New York, 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 $1.46 billion in state and local tax and $1.30 billion in federal taxes. The combined total in the State of New York is $2.77 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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